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## Search Notes

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METHOD FOR PROVIDING AUCTION SERVICE VIA THE INTERNET AND A SYSTEM THEREOF

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WPI ACC NO: 2005-169598/200518  
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**Online auction method and system accepting the lowest price bidder**

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**Patent Family** (1 patents, 1 countries)

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#### Alerting Abstract KR A

NOVELTY - A method and a system for offering an **auction** service on the Internet are provided to offer bidders with a good quality product at a low price by adopting the lowest price bidding method determining a bidder group registering the smallest bidding times to the lowest bidding price as a successful bidder.

DESCRIPTION - A goods information database(110) stores goods information

for **auction** goods. A bidding information database(120) stores a bidding table registering bidding request data for the **auction** goods. An interface(130) receives the bidding information data including bidding price information from the bidder(160) searching the goods information. A bidding registering tool(140) registers the bidding request data to a bidding registration field of the bidding table matched with the bidding price information. A successful bidder controller(150) determines the successful bidder depending on a standard by analyzing the bidding request information registered to the bidding table after a predetermined time period.

**Title Terms/Index Terms/Additional Words:** **AUCTION** ; METHOD; SYSTEM; ACCEPT ; LOW; PRICE

#### Class Codes

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#### Electronic auction system and method thereof

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# **Alerting Abstract KR A**

NOVELTY - An electronic **auction** system and a method thereof are provided to select a bidder who presents the lowest price and execute a successful bid after terminating an **auction** through a network in an on-line **auction** as a kind of an electronic commerce.

DESCRIPTION - An interface server is connected to a user terminal through a network. A process unit processes information inputted through the interface server in a member authentication unit(210), a bid registration unit(220), a successful bid process unit(230), and a payment process unit(240) by stages. A database server classifies and stores various kinds of information processed in the process unit. A payment system, a mail server, and a delivery system execute a payment, a report, and a delivery in accordance with details. A backup database server executes a backup of information stored in the database server.

**Title Terms/Index Terms/Additional Words:** ELECTRONIC; **AUCTION** ; SYSTEM; METHOD

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**A METHOD FOR PROVIDING AUCTION SERVICE VIA THE INTERNET AND A SYSTEM THEREOF**

**PROCEDE DESTINE A PROCURER UN SERVICE DE VENTE AUX ENCHERES VIA INTERNET, ET SYSTEME CORRESPONDANT**

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**A METHOD FOR PROVIDING AUCTION SERVICE VIA THE INTERNET AND A SYSTEM THEREOF**  
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#### English Abstract

Disclosed herein is a method and apparatus for providing an **auction** service via the Internet. The **auction** service providing method includes the step of maintaining a commodity information database (DB). Thereafter, a bid information DB is maintained. Bid request data including specific bid price information is received from bidders. The bid request data is recorded in bid registration fields of the bid table. Successful bidders are determined according to predetermined criteria. The predetermined criteria are based on the bid price information of the bid registration field and the number of items of the bid request data. The step of determining one or more successful bidders comprises the steps of calculating the number of items of the bid request data, and selecting bid registration fields having a smallest number of items of bid request data, and selecting a bid request field having a lowest bid price, and determining bidders having registered bid request data in the selected bid registration field to be successful bidders.

#### French Abstract

L'invention concerne un procede et un appareil destines a procurer un service de vente aux encheres via Internet. Le procede fournissant le service de vente aux encheres comprend tout d'abord une etape consistant a assurer une base de donnees (DB) d'information du produit. Une DB information de l'offrant est ensuite assuree. Des donnees demande de soumission, comprenant une information du prix de soumission specifique est recue des offrants. Les donnees demande de soumission sont enregistrees dans des champs d'enregistrement soumission de la table de soumission. Les offrants acceptes sont determines suivant des criteres predetermines. Les criteres predetermines sont bases sur l'information prix de soumission du champ d'enregistrement soumission, et sur le nombre d'objets des donnees de demande soumission. L'etape de determination d'un ou de plusieurs offrants acceptes comprend les stades ci-apres : calcul du nombre d'objets des donnees demande de soumission, et selection des champs d'enregistrement soumission ayant le plus petit nombre d'objets des donnees demande de soumission, selection d'un champ demande de soumission ayant le prix offrant le plus bas, et determination des offrants ayant des donnees demande de soumission enregistrees dans le champ d'enregistrement selectionne comme etant celui des offrants acceptes.

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**On-line auction administering method involves determining bid exceeding point total available to authorized participant**

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#### Patent Details

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#### Alerting Abstract US BI

NOVELTY - A set of **auction** items is designated from a catalog of potential **auction** items. A data relating to current minimum qualifying bid value of item, is retrieved for on-line presentation at terminal of an authorized participant. A bid is received by the authorized participant for item through on-line computer interface. The bid exceeding a point total available to the authorized participant is determined. A participant corresponding to a highest covered bid by referencing high bid for each item, is identified upon ending an **auction** period.

DESCRIPTION - An INDEPENDENT CLAIM is included for incentive points based on-line **auction** facility.

USE - For incentive points redemption facility.

ADVANTAGE - The participant is allowed to bid upon any item in the **auction** that does not exceed the value stored in the point field.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS - The figure shows a schematic drawing of the incentive points based on-line **auction** facility.

**Title Terms/Index Terms/Additional Words:** LINE; **AUCTION** ; ADMINISTER; METHOD; DETERMINE; BID; POINT; TOTAL; AVAILABLE; AUTHORISE; PARTICIPATING

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US Classification, Issued: 70537, 70535

File Segment: EPI;

DWPI Class: **T01**

Manual Codes (EPI/S-X): T01-J05B4P; T01-N01A2A

**44/5/10 (Item 10 from file: 350)**

DIALOG(R)File 350:Derwent WPIX

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0015900039 - Drawing available

WPI ACC NO: 2006-431677/200644

XRPX Acc No: N2006-354569

**Operating method for online shop involves sending order confirmation to customer after accepting bid price if bid price exceeds determined lowest acceptable price**

Patent Assignee: SCHNEIDER M R (SCHN-I)

Inventor: SCHNEIDER M R

**Patent Family** (2 patents, 32 countries)

Patent Application

Number	Kind	Date	Number	Kind	Date	Update
US 20050114223	A1	20050526	US 2003720384	A	20031125	200644 B
EP 1536353	A1	20050601	EP 200327418	A	20031127	200644 NCE

Priority Applications (no., kind, date): US 2003720384 A 20031125; EP 200327418 A 20031127

#### Patent Details

Number Kind Lan Pg Dwg Filing Notes

US 20050114223 A1 EN 11 3

EP 1536353 A1 EN

Regional Designated States,Original: AL AT BE BG CH CY CZ DE DK EE ES FI FR GB GR HU IE IT LI LT LU LV MC MK NL PT RO SE SI SK TR

**Alerting Abstract** US A1

NOVELTY - An order confirmation is sent to a customer after accepting a **bid price** if the **bid price** exceeds a determined **lowest acceptable price** . The **lowest acceptable price** is determined to present a customer

order conformation based on available stock data and available customer history data.

DESCRIPTION - INDEPENDENT CLAIMS are included for the following:

- 1.a software tool;
- 2.a computer program; and
- 3.an online shop server.

USE - For operating online shop.

ADVANTAGE - Enables customized price generation. Ensures automated and convenient online shop operation. Provides customer with specific and customized set of vending parameters. Ensures that estimates cover true costs or that **bid price** does not cover true cost.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS - The figure shows the flowchart of an online shop operation and a customized price generation.

**Title Terms/Index Terms/Additional Words:** OPERATE; METHOD; SHOP; SEND; ORDER; CONFIRM; CUSTOMER; AFTER; ACCEPT; BID; PRICE; DETERMINE; LOW

#### Class Codes

International Classification (+ Attributes)

IPC + Level Value Position Status Version

G06Q-0030/00 A I R 20060101

G06Q-0040/00 A I R 20060101

G06Q-0030/00 C I R 20060101

G06Q-0040/00 C I R 20060101

ECLA: G06Q-030/00C4, G06Q-040/00B

US Classification, Current Main: 705-026000

US Classification, Issued: 70526

File Segment: EPI;

DWPI Class: T01

Manual Codes (EPI/S-X): T01-N01A2A; T01-N01A2E; T01-S03

#### 44/5/11 (Item 11 from file: 350)

DIALOG(R)File 350:Derwent WPIX

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0015814491 - Drawing available

WPI ACC NO: 2006-370549/200638

**System and method for probability auction using average of all bids**

Patent Assignee: CYPULIC CO LTD (CYPULI-N); LIM S J (LIMS-I)

Inventor: LIM S J

**Patent Family** (1 patents, 1 countries)

Patent			Application				
Number	Kind	Date	Number	Kind	Date	Update	
KR 2005036470	A	20050420	KR 200372160	A	20031016	200638	B

Priority Applications (no., kind, date): KR 200372160 A 20031016

#### Patent Details

Number	Kind	Ln	Pg	Dwg	Filing Notes
KR 2005036470	A	KO	1		

**Alerting Abstract** KR A

NOVELTY - A system and a method for probability **auction** using an average of all bids are provided to enhance fairness and enable a bidder to

buy a desired article at a **low price** by making the bidders perform **bid** in a desired **price** of a 1-Won unit between the highest and the **lowest bid**, and selecting a successful bidder with use of an average of all bids.

DESCRIPTION - A data managing module(220) stores data needed for advancing the **auction**. A bid receiving module(210) receives **bid information** from the bidders during the **auction**, and transmits it to the data managing module. An analysis module(230) calculates the average bid of each article by using the **bid information** stored in the data managing module, and selects the successful bidder by finding out the bid same or closest to the average **bid** among the bids bidden from the **smallest** number of **bidders**. An inspecting module(240) inspects that the successful bidder is correctly selected by the analysis module.

Title Terms/Index Terms/Additional Words: SYSTEM; METHOD; PROBABILITY;  
**AUCTION** ; AVERAGE; BID

#### Class Codes

International Classification (Main): **G06F-017/60**

File Segment: EPI;

DWPI Class: **T01**

Manual Codes (EPI/S-X): T01-N01A2A

#### 44/5/12 (Item 12 from file: 350)

DIALOG(R)File 350:Derwent WPIX

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WPI ACC NO: 2006-190707/200620

XRFX Acc No: N2006-164073

**On-line goods auction management method, involves determining limit price of highest losing proxy bid and incrementing it by predetermined incremental level to assign winning sale price by auction engine**

Patent Assignee: SUN MICROSYSTEMS INC (SUNM)

Inventor: CHIEN E; WILLIAMS P C; XIE Y

**Patent Family** (1 patents, 1 countries)

Patent Number	Kind	Date	Application Number	Kind	Date	Update
US 7006987	B1	20060228	US 2000712935	A	20001115	200620 B

Priority Applications (no., kind, date): US 2000712935 A 20001115

#### Patent Details

Number	Kind	Lan	Pg	Dwg	Filing Notes
US 7006987	B1	EN	8	4	

#### Alerting Abstract US B1

NOVELTY - A highest losing proxy bid is determined from proxy bids sorted in descending order based upon limit prices. The limit price of highest losing proxy bid is determined and incremented by a predetermined incremental level to assign the winning sale price by an **auction** engine.

USE - For determining winning bidder and winning price for goods offered for sale in on-line **auction** environment.

ADVANTAGE - Enables determining winner of the **auction** along with winning sale price depending on the proxy bid and quantity of goods desired by each of the bidders.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS - The figure shows the flowchart explaining the

computer-based method for on-line **auction** management.

**Title Terms/Index Terms/Additional Words:** LINE; GOODS; **AUCTION** ;  
MANAGEMENT; METHOD; DETERMINE; LIMIT; PRICE; HIGH; LOSE; BID; INCREMENT;  
PREDETERMINED; LEVEL; ASSIGN; WINNING; SALE; ENGINE

#### Class Codes

International Classification (+ Attributes)

IPC + Level Value Position Status Version

**G06F-0017/60** A I F B 20051231

US Classification, Issued: 70526

File Segment: EPI;

DWPI Class: **T01**

Manual Codes (EPI/S-X): T01-N01A2A

#### 44/5/13 (Item 13 from file: 350)

DIALOG(R)File 350:Derwent WPIX

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0015052934 - Drawing available

WPI ACC NO: 2005-400956/200541

**Method and system for auction using wired/wireless internet through mobile phone or web site**

Patent Assignee: UNIFY TELECOM CO LTD (UNIF-N)

Inventor: SEO K T

**Patent Family** (1 patents, 1 countries)

Patent Application

Number	Kind	Date	Number	Kind	Date	Update
KR 2005005815	A	20050115	KR 200345639	A	20030707	200541 B

Priority Applications (no., kind, date): KR 200345639 A 20030707

#### Patent Details

Number	Kind	Lan	Pg	Dwg	Filing	Notes
KR 2005005815	A	KO	1	10		

#### Alerting Abstract KR A

NOVELTY - A method and a system for **auction** using the wired/wireless Internet through a mobile phone or a web site are provided to enable a user to buy desired goods at the **lowest price** and enjoy fun to guess the **lowest price** by allowing only the mobile phone to make a **bid** and offering **auction information** through the wired Internet web page.

DESCRIPTION - An auction operation server(100) enables the users to use an auction service through user terminals(U1-Un) such as the mobile phone and a PC. An auction article database(210) stores the lowest/highest price and various information of each auction article. A bidding database(220) stores bidding information including a bidding price of each auction article. The auction operation server includes a bidding register(110), a successful bidder processor(120), and a charge settlement processor(130). The bidding register stores the bidding price for the article received from the mobile phone to the bidding database and performs a bidding registration process. The successful bidder processor selects a successful **bidder** among members of the **smallest** number bidding the **lowest price**.

**Title Terms/Index Terms/Additional Words:** METHOD; SYSTEM; AUCTION; WIRE;

WIRELESS; THROUGH; MOBILE; TELEPHONE; WEB; SITE

#### Class Codes

International Classification (Main): G06F-017/60

File Segment: EPI;

DWPI Class: T01; W01

Manual Codes (EPI/S-X): T01-N01A2A; W01-C05B6

#### 44/5/15 (Item 15 from file: 350)

DIALOG(R)File 350:Derwent WPIX

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0014821909 - Drawing available

WPI ACC NO: 2005-169598/200518

Related WPI Acc No: 2004-078647

**Online auction method and system accepting the lowest price bidder**

Patent Assignee: LOWWIN.COM CO LTD (LOWN-N); SUNG D H (SUNG-I)

Inventor: SUNG D H

**Patent Family** (1 patents, 1 countries)

Patent Number	Kind	Date	Application Number	Kind	Date	Update
KR 2004092366	A	20041103	KR 200377474	A	20031104	200518 B

Priority Applications (no., kind, date): KR 200325987 A 20030424

#### 44/5/17 (Item 17 from file: 350)

DIALOG(R)File 350:Derwent WPIX

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0014732032

WPI ACC NO: 2005-079653/200509

XRPX Acc No: N2005-070018

**Auction method for buying and selling goods and services, involves charging admission price to be paid by each bidder to auctioneer, and bidder with highest unique unmatched bidding price that is below maximum price purchases item**

Patent Assignee: NURIEL G (NURI-I)

Inventor: NURIEL G

**Patent Family** (1 patents, 1 countries)

Patent Number	Kind	Date	Application Number	Kind	Date	Update
US 20040267624	A1	20041230	US 2003603484	A	20030625	200509 B

Priority Applications (no., kind, date): US 2003603484 A 20030625

#### Patent Details

Number	Kind	Lan	Pg	Dwg	Filing	Notes
US 20040267624	A1	EN	5	0		

#### Alerting Abstract US A1

**NOVELTY** - The method involves charging an admission price that is paid by each bidder to an auctioneer for bidding an item at an **auction**. A maximum allowable bidding price is set for each item. A single bid that is below the maximum price is accepted from each bidder. The bidder with highest **unique unmatched bidding price** that is below the maximum price



purchased the item at the **unique price**. **Bids** with same amount are eliminated.

USE - Used for buying and selling goods and services.

ADVANTAGE - Each bidder pays the charged admission price to the auctioneer, thus providing a high income to the auctioneer. The method allows an individual to purchase an item for less than a fixed maximum **price**. **Bids** with same amount are eliminated, thus reducing duplicate bids.

**Title Terms/Index Terms/Additional Words:** **AUCTION** ; METHOD; BUY; SELL; GOODS; SERVICE; CHARGE; ADMISSION; PRICE; PAY; HIGH; UNIQUE; UNMATCHED; BID; BELOW; MAXIMUM; PURCHASE; ITEM

#### Class Codes

International Classification (Main): **G06F-017/60**

ECLA: G06Q-030/00C4

US Classification, Current Main: 705-026000

US Classification, Issued: 70526

File Segment: EPI;

DWPI Class: **T01**

Manual Codes (EPI/S-X): T01-N01A1; T01-N01A2A

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WPI ACC NO: 2004-329277/200430

Related WPI Acc No: 2001-521526; 2002-535685; 2000-412465

XRPX Acc No: N2004-262786

**Obtaining lowest bid from information product vendors, involves transmitting order to vendor represented by selected vendor data**

Patent Assignee: GINDLESPERGER W A (GIND-I)

Inventor: GINDLESPERGER W A

**Patent Family** (1 patents, 1 countries)

Patent Number	Kind	Date	Application Number	Kind	Date	Update
US 20040078277	A1	20040422	US 199897972	P	19980826	200430 B
			US 1999383371	A	19990826	
			US 200258490	A	20020128	

Priority Applications (no., kind, date): US 199897972 P 19980826; US 1999383371 A 19990826; US 200258490 A 20020128

#### Patent Details

Number	Kind	Lan	Pg	Dwg	Filing Notes
US 20040078277	A1	EN	12	4	Related to Provisional US 199897972 Continuation of application US 1999383371 Continuation of patent US 6397197

#### Alerting Abstract US A1

NOVELTY - The method involves transmitting an order to a vendor represented by the selected vendor data. The selected vendor data represent the identity of the vendor corresponding to the **bid data** identified

from the received **bid data** having the **lowest** represented **bid price**

DESCRIPTION - Several vendor records are entered into a storage of a general purpose computer, in which each vendor record includes a data field identifying the print information product vendor and buyer identification data field identifying a buyer that the vendor is associated with. A buyer's invitation-for- **bid data** into the general purpose computer, in which the buyer's invitation-for- **bid data** having the buyer identification data and having an invitation for **bid** on print **information** product job from the buyer. A vendor record is identified as qualified based on a match between the buyer identification data and buyer identification data field of the vendor record. The vendor's invitation-for- **bid data** are then transmitted to at least one vendor. Several **bid data** are entered to the general purpose computer from the vendors, in which the each of the **bid data** represents a **bid price**. An INDEPENDENT CLAIM is also included for **competitive bidding** by print information product vendors.

USE - For creating a **database** representing print and other information product vendor pools for one or more subscribing buyers, for selecting the lowest bidder from the **databases** represented vendor pool on a per-job basis, and for creating and maintaining a **database** representing a vendor pool for each subscribing buyer of printing and other customized print information product goods and services.

ADVANTAGE - Transmits **data** representing the **bid price** of all received **bids** to all vendors who submitted bids. Assigns a preferred vendor flag to each vendor record and then selects vendors for receiving vendors' invitation-for-bid based on flag value. Generates a set of project milestone data automatically for use in monitoring the winning vendor's progress on the buyer's requested print job or service. Provides a single source accounting for buyers dealing with several vendors.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS - The figure is a general flowchart showing the steps in obtaining the **lowest bid** from **information** product vendors.

Title Terms/Index Terms/Additional Words: OBTAIN; LOW; BID; INFORMATION; PRODUCT; VENDING; TRANSMIT; ORDER; REPRESENT; SELECT; DATA

#### Class Codes

International Classification (+ Attributes)

IPC + Level Value Position Status Version

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G06Q-0030/00 C I R 20060101

ECLA: G06Q-030/00C

US Classification, Current Main: 705-026000; Secondary: 705-037000

US Classification, Issued: 70537, 70526

File Segment: EPI;

DWPI Class: T01 ; T05 ; W01

Manual Codes (EPI/S-X): T01-J05B4M; T01-N01A1; T01-N01A2A; T01-N01D;

T01-N02B1B; T05-L01D; T05-L01X; T05-L02; W01-A05B

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0013859241 - Drawing available

WPI ACC NO: 2004-037662/200404

XRPX Acc No: N2004-030776

**Internet-based electronic bidding agent operation method in electronic auction , involves submitting optimal bid having specific value submission time for close of bidding, to electronic auction**

Patent Assignee: BARTOLINI C (BART-I); BYDE A R (BYDE-I); HEWLETT-PACKARD CO (HEWF); PREIST C W (PREI-I)

Inventor: BARTOLINI C; BYDE A R; PREIST C W

**Patent Family** (2 patents, 2 countries)

Patent Number	Kind	Date	Application Number	Kind	Date	Update
GB 2389676	A	20031217	GB 200213540	A	20020613	200404 B
US 20040083160	A1	20040429	US 2003462014	A	20030612	200429 E

Priority Applications (no., kind, date): GB 200213540 A 20020613

#### Patent Details

Number	Kind	Lan	Pg	Dwg	Filing	Notes
GB 2389676	A	EN	21	3		

#### Alerting Abstract GB A

NOVELTY - A preference map (8) is constructed from user preferences and an electronic auction (5) is monitored. The map data is mapped to generate a knowledge base (7) for auction using processed auction data retrieved from auction . An optimal bid is evaluated to outbid current bid and maximize winning probability using base. The optimal bid having a value and submission time for close of bidding is submitted to auction .

DESCRIPTION - INDEPENDENT CLAIMS are also included for the following:

1. electronic bidding agent;
2. last minute electronic bidding system;
3. computer readable medium storing electronic bidding agent operation program;
4. last minute bidding method;
5. computer readable medium storing last minute bidding program;
6. messaging protocol;
7. auction bidding method;
8. data carrier storing codes defining electronic bidding agent.

USE - For operating electronic bidding agent in electronic auction through Internet.

ADVANTAGE - Evaluates appropriate last minute bid for maximizing chances of securing the goods used for bidding.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS - The figure shows a schematic view of electronic bidding agent operation method.

- 1 bidding agent
- 2 user's computer
- 4 Internet
- 5 electronic auction
- 7 knowledge base
- 8 preference map

**Title Terms/Index Terms/Additional Words:** BASED; ELECTRONIC; BID; AGENT; OPERATE; METHOD; AUCTION ; SUBMIT; OPTIMUM; SPECIFIC; VALUE; TIME; CLOSE

#### Class Codes

International Classification (+ Attributes)

IPC + Level Value Position Status Version

G06Q-0030/00	A	I	R	20060101
G06Q-0030/00	C	I	R	20060101

ECLA: G06Q-030/00C4  
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DWPI Class: T01  
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DIALOG(R)File 350;Derwent WPIX  
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0013614174 - Drawing available  
WPI ACC NO: 2003-709461/200367  
XRPX Acc No: N2003-567062  
**Drive competition bidding method for online electronic auctions, involves receiving many bids, assigning one identifier to bidders in each subset and displaying lowest bid with identifier for each bidder**  
Patent Assignee: BECK P (BECK-I); COLAICO V (COLA-I); KELLAM J (KELL-I); TANGRETTI L A (TANG-I)  
Inventor: BECK P; COLAICO V; KELLAM J; TANGRETTI L A  
**Patent Family** (1 patents, 1 countries)  
Patent Application  

Number	Kind	Date	Number	Kind	Date	Update
US 20030130927	A1	20030710	US 200243357	A	20020109	200367 B

Priority Applications (no., kind, date): US 200243357 A 20020109

**Patent Details**

Number	Kind	Lan	Pg	Dwg	Filing	Notes
US 20030130927	A1	EN	10	4		

**Alerting Abstract US A1**

NOVELTY - The method involves receiving many bids from bidders during an auction. The bidders are distinguished according to a subset of a parameter. An identifier is assigned to the bidders in each subset such that the subset associated with the identifier is unknown to the bidders outside of the subset. A lowest bid is displayed with the identifier for each bidder.

DESCRIPTION - INDEPENDENT CLAIMS are also included for the following:

- 1.a system of bidding to drive competition in an auction
- 2.a machine readable medium for bidding to drive competition in an auction.

USE - Used for conducting online electronic auctions.

ADVANTAGE - The method provides interactive communication of information between the bidders, thus increasing the potential of true competition between the bidders. The online bidding process prevents inconsistency and utilizes less time.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS - The drawing shows a block flow diagram of the process of a drive competition bidding method.

**Title Terms/Index Terms/Additional Words:** DRIVE; COMPETE; BID; METHOD;  
ELECTRONIC; AUCTION; RECEIVE; ASSIGN; ONE; IDENTIFY; SUBSET; DISPLAY; LOW

**Class Codes**

International Classification (+ Attributes)

IPC + Level Value Position Status Version

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ECLA: G06Q-030/00C4

US Classification, Current Main: 705-037000

US Classification, Issued: 70537

File Segment: EPI;

DWPI Class: T01

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DIALOG(R)File 350:Derwent WPIX

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0013610715

WPI ACC NO: 2003-705958/200367

Auction method for endowing highest priority bidder out of lowest  
price bidders with successful bid in price possessed by lowest  
price bidders

Patent Assignee: YANG C G (YANG-I)

Inventor: YANG C G

**Patent Family** (1 patents, 1 countries)

Patent Number	Kind	Date	Application Number	Kind	Date	Update
KR 2003044957	A	20030609	KR 200328945	A	20030507	200367 B

Priority Applications (no., kind, date): KR 200328945 A 20030507

**Patent Details**

Number	Kind	Lan	Pg	Dwg	Filing Notes
KR 2003044957	A	KO		0	

**Alerting Abstract** KR A

NOVELTY - An auction method for endowing the highest priority bidder out of the lowest price bidders with a successful bid in a price possessed by the lowest price bidders is provided to supply an opportunity for purchasing a wanted commodity at the lowest price for a bid participator and enable a company to collect many bid participators using an auction method and to create a profit through a bid commission.

DESCRIPTION - An auction related Internet site is constructed. A member joining of general persons is induced. A bid term of a specific commodity is publicized. When a member who purchased points for receiving a capacity capable of participating in a bid bids a specific commodity, fixed points are subtracted from points of the member. When an auction term is terminated, an acquisition right is supplied to the highest priority bidder out of the lowest price bidders in a price bid by the least bidders. If the highest priority bidder pays the contract price, the auction commodity is transferred to the highest priority bidder.

**Title Terms/Index Terms/Additional Words:** AUCTION ; METHOD; HIGH; PRIORITY ; LOW; PRICE; SUCCESS; BID

**Class Codes**

International Classification (Main): G06F-017/60

File Segment: EPI;  
DWPI Class: T01  
Manual Codes (EPI/S-X): T01-N01A2A

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0013048776 - Drawing available  
WPI ACC NO: 2003-128221/200312  
XRPX Acc No: N2003-101816

**Internet-based customer request navigation method for reverse auction purchasing system, involves providing request for quotation to supplier, to receive bid from supplier to supply requested product**

Patent Assignee: GILLMAN K E (GILL-I)

Inventor: GILLMAN K E

**Patent Family** (1 patents, 1 countries)

Patent Number	Kind	Date	Application Number	Kind	Date	Update
US 20020147674	A1	20021010	US 2000194535	P	20000404	200312 B
			US 2001826286	A	20010404	

Priority Applications (no., kind, date): US 2000194535 P 20000404; US 2001826286 A 20010404

**Patent Details**

Number	Kind	Lan	Pg	Dwg	Filing Notes
US 20020147674	A1	EN	15	4	Related to Provisional US 2000194535

**Alerting Abstract** US A1

NOVELTY - A request for a quotation including a product specification, is accepted from a buyer and provided to a supplier to initiate a bidding process. A bid to supply the requested product is received from the supplier. The bidding process is then closed such that no additional bids are received.

DESCRIPTION - An INDEPENDENT CLAIM is included for reverse auction purchasing system.

USE - For navigating customer request for reverse auction purchasing system (claimed) and electronic buying system for products such as metal forgings.

ADVANTAGE - By connecting the buyers and suppliers directly with each other through the Internet, the need for broker is eliminated and suppliers are enabled to educate buyers about the products. Hence, both buyers and suppliers participate in transaction as educated participants.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS - The figure shows an exemplary buyer home page.

**Title Terms/Index Terms/Additional Words:** BASED; CUSTOMER; REQUEST; NAVIGATION; METHOD; REVERSE; **AUCTION** ; PURCHASE; SYSTEM; QUOTATION; SUPPLY; RECEIVE; BID; PRODUCT

**Class Codes**

International Classification (+ Attributes)

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DWPI Class: T01  
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0012487593 - Drawing available  
WPI ACC NO: 2002-434772/200246  
XRPX Acc No: N2002-342267

**Dynamic auction conducting method using wide area network, involves providing electronic data containing information about the auction lot and an initial bid, to bidders for receiving the bids from the bidders**

Patent Assignee: HOFFMAN K E (HOFF-I); VICE D M (VICE-I)

Inventor: HOFFMAN K E; VICE D M

**Patent Family** (1 patents, 1 countries)

Patent Number	Kind	Date	Application Number	Kind	Date	Update
US 20020049664	A1	20020425	US 2000215346	P	20000630	200246 B
			US 2000215347	P	20000630	
			US 2000215348	P	20000630	
			US 2000215349	P	20000630	
			US 2000215350	P	20000630	
			US 2001898899	A	20010702	

Priority Applications (no., kind, date): US 2000215346 P 20000630; US 2000215347 P 20000630; US 2000215348 P 20000630; US 2000215349 P 20000630; US 2000215350 P 20000630; US 2001898899 A 20010702

**Patent Details**

Number	Kind	Lan	Pg	Dwg	Filing Notes
US 20020049664	A1	EN	14	6	Related to Provisional US 2000215346
					Related to Provisional US 2000215347
					Related to Provisional US 2000215348
					Related to Provisional US 2000215349
					Related to Provisional US 2000215350

**Alerting Abstract US A1**

NOVELTY - Electronic data comprising information relating to an auction lot and an initial bid, is provided to bidders, in response to which bid information are received from the bidders. When no bid higher than the last received bid is received within predetermined time, the bid receiving is concluded and information relating to last received bid is provided to the bidders.

DESCRIPTION - An INDEPENDENT CLAIM is included for dynamic auction conducting program.

USE - For conducting dynamic auction in a virtual environment using wide area network environments.

ADVANTAGE - The method permits multiple, concurrent dynamic auctions to be conducted and enables bidders to simultaneously bid on auction lots using established criteria for conducting each auction. Enables converting a traditional online static auction into a dynamic auction.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS - The figure shows a data and process flow diagram for the **auction** database manager.

**Title Terms/Index Terms/Additional Words:** DYNAMIC; **AUCTION**; CONDUCTING; METHOD; WIDE; AREA; NETWORK; ELECTRONIC; DATA; CONTAIN; INFORMATION; LOT; INITIAL; BID; RECEIVE

#### Class Codes

International Classification (+ Attributes)

IPC + Level Value Position Status Version

G06Q-0030/00 A I R 20060101

G06Q-0030/00 C I R 20060101

ECLA: G06Q-030/00C4

US Classification, Current Main: 705-037000

US Classification, Issued: 70537

File Segment: EPI;

DWPI Class: T01; W01; W05

Manual Codes (EPI/S-X): T01-N01A2C; W01-A06B5B; W05-E03E

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DIALOG(R)File 350:Derwent WPIX

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0011125323 - Drawing available

WPI ACC NO: 2002-061663/200208

XREFX Acc No: N2002-045770

**Electronic market place for auctioning non-exclusive rights in intangible property e.g. copy rights to display digital image, by using demand-based pricing to establish true market value of image**

Patent Assignee: HERNDON C (HERN-I); HERNDON R (HERN-I); NAYLOR R

(NAYL-I); ROOM D (ROOM-I); YEAGER E (YEAG-I)

Inventor: HERNDON C; HERNDON R; NAYLOR R; ROOM D; YEAGER E

**Patent Family** (1 patents, 1 countries)

Patent Number	Kind	Date	Application Number	Kind	Date	Update
US 20010049648	A1	20011206	US 2000182533	P	20000215	200208 B
			US 2000209589	P	20000606	
			US 2001782277	A	20010214	

Priority Applications (no., kind, date): US 2000182533 P 20000215; US 2000209589 P 20000606; US 2001782277 A 20010214

#### Patent Details

Number	Kind	Lan	Pg	Dwg	Filing Notes
US 20010049648	A1	EN	39	25	Related to Provisional US 2000182533 Related to Provisional US 2000209589

#### Alerting Abstract US A1

NOVELTY - A version of digital images is transmitted to bidders, offering for sale one category of non-exclusive rights (512) representing a scope of use of the image. Several bids are received from prospective buyers for the display rights from which a prospective buyer is determine by calculating a maximum revenue from selling to one or more of the bidders at the **bid price** offered by the **lowest** of one of the buyers.



DESCRIPTION - If revenue is maximized by offering the right on an exclusive basis, then the right is sold exclusively to the highest bidder. If on the other hand the revenue is maximized by selling the right to multiple bidders on a non-exclusive basis, then the right is sold to multiple bidders. combination of exclusive and non-exclusive rights may be offered for **auction** and they are bid for by various parties. Comparing A winning bid for selling the display right on an exclusive basis with a total amount of revenue to be received by selling the display right on a non-exclusive basis at the **bid price** offered by the **lowest** of the successful **bids** .

An INDEPENDENT CLAIM is included for a computer for selling display rights in digital image.

USE - For auctioning non-exclusive rights in intangible property such as copyrights, trademarks, display rights in a digital image and patents to consumers.

ADVANTAGE - An intangible right associated with a copyright, trademark or patent is auctioned off in a manner that maximizes revenue to the owner.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS - The diagram is a flow chart that shows steps executed to sell a digital image.

512 Display rights to be auctioned

**Title Terms/Index Terms/Additional Words:** ELECTRONIC; MARKET; PLACE; NON; EXCLUDE; PROPERTIES; COPY; DISPLAY; DIGITAL; IMAGE; DEMAND; BASED; PRICE; ESTABLISH; TRUE; VALUE

#### Class Codes

International Classification (Main): **G06F-017/60**

ECLA: G06Q-030/00C4

US Classification, Current Main: 705-037000

US Classification, Issued: 70537

File Segment: EPI;

DWPI Class: **T01**

Manual Codes (EPI/S-X): T01-N01A2B

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DIALOG(R)File 350:Derwent WPIX

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0010908727 - Drawing available

WPI ACC NO: 2001-529793/200158

XRPX Acc No: N2001-393229

Multidimensional E-commerce auction conduction method involves generating adjustment bid by adjusting winning bid such that adjusted bid is higher than secondary highest bid but lower than winning bid

Patent Assignee: PERFECT.COM (PERF-N)

Inventor: GALL U; LAVIN J K; MILGROM P R; MINES R F; PORAT M U; SURACE K J

**Patent Family** (2 patents, 91 countries)

Patent Number	Kind	Date	Application Number	Kind	Date	Update
WO 2001057621	A2	20010809	WO 2001US3909	A	20010202	200158 B
AU 200134887	A	20010814	AU 200134887	A	20010202	200173 E

Priority Applications (no., kind, date): US 2000497887 A 20000204

#### Patent Details

Number	Kind	Lan	Pg	Dwg	Filing	Notes
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WO 2001057621 A2 EN 19 5  
 National Designated States,Original: AE AG AL AM AT AU AZ BA BB BG BR BY  
 BZ CA CH CN CR CU CZ DE DK DM DZ EE ES FI GB GD GE GH GM HR HU ID IL IN  
 IS JP KE KG KP KR KZ LC LK LR LS LT LU LV MA MD MG MK MN MX NZ NO NZ  
 PL PT RO RU SD SE SG SI SK SL TJ TM TR TT TZ UA UG UZ VN YU ZA ZW  
 Regional Designated States,Original: AT BE CH CY DE DK EA ES FI FR GB GH  
 GM GR IE IT KE LS LU MC MW MZ NL OA PT SD SE SL SZ TR TZ UG ZW  
 AU 200134887 A EN Based on OPI patent WO 2001057621

# **Alerting Abstract WO A2**

NOVELTY - Utility function is generated based on preference information indicating buyer's preferred terms for purchasing a product. Initial bids are received from the product sellers and ranked by applying utility function. A winning bid is selected based on ranking and is adjusted to generate an adjusted bid such that adjusted bid is higher than secondary highest bid but lower than winning bid.

USE - For conducting multidimensional and reverse E-commerce auctions .

ADVANTAGE - By performing an adjustment of the initial bids, bidder's incentives to make bids dependent on competitor's expected bids is reduced and hence bidding strategy for the bidders is simplified.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS - The figure shows the flow diagram of a multidimensional auction where each bid can be adjusted, in accordance with the winning bid.

**Title Terms/Index Terms/Additional Words:** MULTIDIMENSIONAL; AUCTION ;  
 CONDUCTING; METHOD; GENERATE; ADJUST; BID; WINNING; HIGH; SECONDARY;  
 LOWER

## **Class Codes**

International Classification (+ Attributes)

IPC + Level Value Position Status Version

G06Q-0030/00 A I R 20060101

G06F S I R 20060101

G06Q-0030/00 C I R 20060101

ECLA: G06Q-030/00C4

File Segment: EPI;

DWPI Class: T01

Manual Codes (EPI/S-X): T01-H07C5E; T01-J05A1; T01-J05A2; T01-J05B2

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DIALOG(R)File 350:Derwent WPIX

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0010833646 - Drawing available

WPI ACC NO: 2001-451272/200148

XRFX Acc No: N2001-334168

**Computerized auction system using multiple purchase media with different program units to receive and display bids according to a particular program allowing use of different media types and currencies**

Patent Assignee: SCHONECKERS INC (SCHO-N); BINZEN S A (BINZ-I); JACK J M (JACK-I); JENNIGES J C (JENN-I)

Inventor: BINZEN S; JACK J M; BINZEN S A; JENNIGES J C

**Patent Family** (4 patents, 27 countries)

Patent Application

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WO 2001022321	A2	20010329	WO 2000US25777	A	20000921	200148	B
EP 1218840	A2	20020703	EP 2000965200	A	20000921	200251	E
			WO 2000US25777	A	20000921		
US 7200571	B1	20070403	US 1999155282	P	19990921	200726	E
			US 2000637728	A	20000811		
US 20070130054	A1	20070607	US 1999155282	P	19990921	200738	E
			US 2000637728	A	20000811		
			US 2007670839	A	20070202		

Priority Applications (no., kind, date): US 1999155282 P 19990921; US 2000637728 A 20000811; US 2007670839 A 20070202

#### Patent Details

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WO 2001022321	A2	EN	62	13		
National Designated States, Original: CA						
Regional Designated States, Original: AT BE CH CY DE DK ES FI FR GB GR IE						
IT LU MC NL PT SE						
EP 1218840	A2	EN			PCT Application	WO 2000US25777
					Based on OPI patent	WO 2001022321
Regional Designated States, Original: AL AT BE CH CY DE DK ES FI FR GB GR						
IE IT LI LT LU LV MC MK NL PT RO SE SI						
US 7200571	B1	EN			Related to Provisional	US 1999155282
US 20070130054	A1	EN			Related to Provisional	US 1999155282
					Continuation of application	US
2000637728						
					Continuation of patent	US 7200571

#### Alerting Abstract WO A2

NOVELTY - An **auction** server (204) provides web pages to and receives input from a client web browser (202) and can maintain an **auction** database (210) of items available for bidding. The start **auction** process continually monitors an **auction** table of the database and denomination maintenance functions are performed by back-end services (208) also providing product category functions.

DESCRIPTION - An incentive reward system (206) implements rules of incentive rewards and a participant supplies personal details and then goes to the **auction** page showing bid items, time remaining and the current bid, while the **auction** server calculates conversions between different media types and currencies.

INDEPENDENT CLAIMS are included for **methods** for displaying **auction** bid data and for updating **auction** bid data and for a computer readable medium with instructions.

USE - Computerized **auction** bidding using **different** purchase media.

ADVANTAGE - Providing **auction** **services** using multiple media types.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS - The drawing is a diagram illustrating the system

- 204 **Auction** server
- 202 Web browser
- 210 **Auction** database
- 208 Back-end services
- 206 Reward system

**Title Terms/Index Terms/Additional Words:** **AUCTION** ; SYSTEM; MULTIPLE; PURCHASE; MEDIUM; PROGRAM; UNIT; RECEIVE; DISPLAY; BID; ACCORD; ALLOW; TYPE

#### Class Codes

International Classification (+ Attributes)

IPC + Level Value Position Status Version

G06F-0017/60 A I F B 20051231  
G06Q-0030/00 A I R 20060101  
G06Q-0040/00 A I F B 20060101  
G06Q-0030/00 C I R 20060101  
G06Q-0040/00 C I B 20060101

ECLA: G06Q-030/00C4

US Classification, Current Main: 705-037000; Secondary: 705-014000,  
705-026000, 705-027000, 705-028000, 705-029000, 705-030000, 705-031000,  
705-032000, 705-033000, 705-034000, 705-035000, 705-038000, 705-039000,  
705-040000, 705-041000, 705-042000, 705-043000, 705-044000, 705-045000  
US Classification, Issued: 70537, 70537, 70514, 70510

File Segment: EPI;

DWPI Class: T01

Manual Codes (EPI/S-X): T01-H07C3C; T01-H07C5E; T01-J05A1; T01-J05A2;  
T01-J05B4P; T01-J12B

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0009418960 - Drawing available

WPI ACC NO: 1999-356414/199930

Related WPI Acc No: 2000-146979; 2000-222695; 2007-825921; 2008-C16150

XRFX Acc No: N1999-265248

#### Dynamic computerized auction system

Patent Assignee: AUSUBEL L M (AUSU-I)

Inventor: AUSUBEL L M

**Patent Family** (1 patents, 1 countries)

Patent		Application					
Number	Kind	Date	Number	Kind	Date	Update	
US 5905975	A	19990518	US 199609679	P	19960104	199930	B
			US 1996582901	A	19960104		
			US 199630043	P	19961105		
			US 1997775880	A	19970102		

Priority Applications (no., kind, date): US 199609679 P 19960104; US  
1996582901 A 19960104; US 199630043 P 19961105; US 1997775880 A  
19970102

#### Patent Details

Number	Kind	Lan	Pg	Dwg	Filing Notes
US 5905975	A	EN	40	12	Related to Provisional US 199609679 C-I-P of application US 1996582901 Related to Provisional US 199630043

#### Alerting Abstract US A

NOVELTY - User systems receive information from auctioneer's system ,  
based on bidding data input by user. On reception of information from user  
database, the auctioneer's system determines whether **auction** can be  
concluded or not, based on which appropriate messages are transmitted to  
users.

DESCRIPTION - The auctioneer's system generates queries for each user  
database and receives answer to the queries. Initiation of generation of

message to user system in response to determination to continue or not the **auction** is decided. An INDEPENDENT CLAIM is also included for dynamic computerized **auction** method.

USE - For implementing flexible dynamic **auction** through use of CPU based system.

ADVANTAGE - As each bidder is able to infer the other bidder's information, he is able to implement the **information** in the progressing **bids** .

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS - The figure shows the flowchart illustrating the auctioneer process.

**Title Terms/Index Terms/Additional Words:** DYNAMIC; COMPUTER; **AUCTION** ; SYSTEM

#### Class Codes

International Classification (+ Attributes)

IPC + Level Value Position Status Version

**G06Q-0030/00** A I R 20060101

H04L-0012/18 A N R 20060101

**G06Q-0030/00** C I R 20060101

H04L-0012/18 C N R 20060101

ECLA: G06Q-030/00C4

ICO: T04L-012:18C

US Classification, Current Main: 705-037000; Secondary: 705-026000, 707-104100

US Classification, Issued: 70526, 707104, 70537

File Segment: EPI;

DWPI Class: **T01** ; **T05** ; W01

Manual Codes (EPI/S-X): T01-J05A; T01-J05A1; T05-L01D; T05-L02; W01-C05B3C

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0009217304 - Drawing available

WPI ACC NO: 1999-143205/199912

XRPX Acc No: N1999-104024

**System for listing and facilitating transactions involving stones**

**categorised by weight and another characteristic - allows sellers to use remote terminal to input price and data about stones for sale to central database and buyers to view and make bids for stones based on matrix showing lowest offer, highest bid prices and last sale price**

Patent Assignee: BERGATO S (BERG-I); DIAMONDS NET LLC (DIAM-N)

Inventor: BERGATO S; BORGATO S

**Patent Family (5 patents, 28 countries)**

Patent Number	Kind	Date	Application Number	Kind	Date	Update
WO 1999005629	A1	19990204	WO 1998US15338	A	19980723	199912 B
AU 199886622	A	19990216	AU 199886622	A	19980723	199926 E
US 5950178	A	19990907	US 1997902524	A	19970728	199943 E
EP 1008085	A1	20000614	EP 1998938001	A	19980723	200033 E
			WO 1998US15338	A	19980723	
IL 134254	A	20031123	IL 134254	A	19980723	200382 E

Priority Applications (no., kind, date): US 1997902524 A 19970728

# Patent Details

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WO 1999005629	A1	EN	57	10		
National Designated States,Original: AU BR CA CN IL JP MX RU						
Regional Designated States,Original: AT BE CH CY DE DK ES FI FR GB GR IE						
IT LU MC NL PT SE						
AU 199886622	A	EN			Based on OPI patent	WO 1999005629
EP 1008085	A1	EN			PCT Application	WO 1998US15338
					Based on OPI patent	WO 1999005629
Regional Designated States,Original: AT BE CH CY DE DK ES FI FR GB GR IE						
IT LI LU MC NL PT SE						
IL 134254	A	EN			Based on OPI patent	WO 1999005629

## Alerting Abstract WO A1

NOVELTY - The system has host processor (12) and remote terminals (26) for facilitating transactions in precious stones. It allows sellers to use remote terminal to input price and data about stones for sale to central database, buyers view and make bids for stones based on matrix showing **lowest offer** and highest **bid prices** and last sale price for each category in matrix, when bid and offer match confirmation is issued to confirm sale. Third party receives sold stone and payment and distributes to receiving parties.

USE - For facilitating transactions for precious stones, such as diamonds.

ADVANTAGE - Provides data processing system and method for listing on a world wide basis actual offers to sell precious stones such as diamonds which takes into account the various factors effecting price, permitting buyers and sellers to adjust offers and bids to eventually enter into a sales transaction. DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The drawing shows an illustration and overall view of the system and method. (12) host processor; (26) remote terminals.

**Title Terms/Index Terms/Additional Words:** SYSTEM; LIST; FACILITATE; TRANSACTION; STONE; WEIGHT; CHARACTERISTIC; ALLOW; REMOTE; TERMINAL; INPUT; PRICE; DATA; SALE; CENTRAL; DATABASE; BUY; VIEW; BID; BASED; MATRIX; LOW; OFFER; HIGH; LAST

## Class Codes

International Classification (+ Attributes)

IPC + Level Value Position Status Version

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G06F S I R 20060101

G06F-0017/30 C I R 20060101

US Classification, Current Main: 705-037000; Secondary: 705-035000,

707-100000, 707-102000, 707-104100

US Classification, Issued: 70537, 70535, 707100, 707102, 707104

File Segment: EPI;

DWPI Class: T01

Manual Codes (EPI/S-X): T01-J05A; T01-J05B4P

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0008387534 - Drawing available  
WPI ACC NO: 1997-503308/199746  
XRPX Acc No: N1997-419473

**Networked auction information transmission and processing system - has bidding mechanism available to submit several bids across electronic network in response to posted information with bids received and categorised as successful or unsuccessful**

Patent Assignee: EBAY INC (EBAY-N); EGGHEAD.COM INC (EGGH-N); FISHER A S (FISH-I); KAPLAN S J (KAPL-I); ONSALE INC (ONSA-N)

Inventor: FISHER A S; KAPLAN S J

**Patent Family** (26 patents, 75 countries)

Patent Number	Kind	Date	Application Number	Kind	Date	Update
WO 1997037315	A1	19971009	WO 1997US4535	A	19970319	199746 B
AU 199723383	A	19971022	AU 199723383	A	19970319	199808 E
US 5835896	A	19981110	US 1996623654	A	19960329	199901 E
EP 900424	A1	19990310	EP 1997916124	A	19970319	199914 E
			WO 1997US4535	A	19970319	
AU 717594	B	20000330	AU 199723383	A	19970319	200026 E
JP 2000503789	W	20000328	JP 1997535320	A	19970319	200026 E
			WO 1997US4535	A	19970319	
IL 126793	A	20001031	IL 126793	A	19970319	200059 E
US 6243691	B1	20010605	US 1996624259	A	19960329	200133 E
EP 900424	B1	20011024	EP 1997916124	A	19970319	200169 E
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DE 69707668	E	20011129	DE 69707668	A	19970319	200202 E
			EP 1997916124	A	19970319	
			WO 1997US4535	A	19970319	
US 20030083981	A1	20030501	US 1996624259	A	19960329	200331 E
			US 2000706849	A	20001107	
			US 2002316292	A	20021210	
US 20030083982	A1	20030501	US 1996624259	A	19960329	200331 E
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			US 2002316296	A	20021210	
US 20030083983	A1	20030501	US 1996624259	A	19960329	200331 E
			US 2000706849	A	20001107	
			US 2002316297	A	20021210	
US 20030088502	A1	20030508	US 1996624259	A	19960329	200337 E
			US 2000706849	A	20001107	
			US 2002316298	A	20021210	
US 20030088503	A1	20030508	US 1996624259	A	19960329	200337 E
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			US 2002316324	A	20021210	
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US 20030088507	A1	20030508	US 1996624259	A	19960329	200337 E
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			US 2002319868	A	20021213	
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CA 2253543	C	20060516	CA 2253543	A	19970319	200634 E
			WO 1997US4535	A	19970319	
US 20080097896	AI	20080424	US 1996624259	A	19960329	200830 E
			US 2000706849	A	20001107	
			US 2002316326	A	20021210	
			US 2007963130	A	20071221	
US 20080103938	AI	20080501	US 1996624259	A	19960329	200832 E
			US 2000706849	A	20001107	
			US 2002319868	A	20021213	
			US 2007963094	A	20071221	
CA 2529148	C	20080708	CA 2253543	A	19970319	200848 E
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CA 2629281	AI	19971009	CA 2529148	A	19970319	200857 E
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Priority Applications (no., kind, date): US 1996623654 A 19960329; US 1996623946 A 19960329; US 1996624259 A 19960329; US 2000706849 A 20001107; US 2002316292 A 20021210; US 2002316296 A 20021210; US 2002316297 A 20021210; US 2002316298 A 20021210; US 2002316324 A 20021210; US 2002316325 A 20021210; US 2002316326 A 20021210; US 2002318676 A 20021213; US 2002319868 A 20021213; US 2002319869 A 20021213; US 2007963130 A 20071221; US 2007963094 A 20071221

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WO 1997037315	AI	EN	46	14		
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CN CU CZ DE DK EE ES FI GB GE GH HU IL IS JP KE KG KP KR KZ LC LK LR LS						
LT LU LV MD MG MK MN MW MX NO NZ PL PT RO RU SD SE SG SI SK TJ TM TR TT						
UA UG US UZ VN YU						
Regional Designated States,Original: AT BE CH DE DK EA ES FI FR GB GH GR						
IE IT KE LS LU MC MW NL OA PT SD SE SZ UG						
AU 199723383	A	EN			Based on OPI patent	WO 1997037315
EP 900424	AI	EN			PCT Application	WO 1997US4535
					Based on OPI patent	WO 1997037315
Regional Designated States,Original: AT BE CH DE DK ES FI FR GB GR IE IT						
LI LU MC NL PT SE						
AU 717594	B	EN			Previously issued patent	AU 9723383
					Based on OPI patent	WO 1997037315
JP 2000503789	W	JA	50		PCT Application	WO 1997US4535
					Based on OPI patent	WO 1997037315
IL 126793	A	EN				
EP 900424	BI	EN			PCT Application	WO 1997US4535
					Based on OPI patent	WO 1997037315
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LI LU MC NL PT SE						
DE 69707668	E	DE			Application	EP 1997916124
					PCT Application	WO 1997US4535
					Based on OPI patent	EP 900424
					Based on OPI patent	WO 1997037315
US 20030083981	AI	EN			Continuation of application	US
1996624259					Continuation of application	US



2000706849				Continuation of patent US 6243691
US 20030083982	A1	EN		Continuation of application US
1996624259				Continuation of application US
2000706849				Continuation of patent US 6243691
US 20030083983	A1	EN		Continuation of application US
1996624259				Continuation of application US
2000706849				Continuation of patent US 6243691
US 20030088502	A1	EN		Continuation of application US
1996624259				Continuation of application US
2000706849				Continuation of patent US 6243691
US 20030088503	A1	EN		Continuation of application US
1996624259				Continuation of application US
2000706849				Continuation of patent US 6243691
US 20030088504	A1	EN		Continuation of application US
1996624259				Continuation of application US
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US 20030088505	A1	EN		Continuation of application US
1996624259				Continuation of application US
2000706849				Continuation of patent US 6243691
US 20030088506	A1	EN		Continuation of application US
1996624259				Continuation of application US
2000706849				Continuation of patent US 6243691
US 20030088507	A1	EN		Continuation of application US
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CA 2529148	C	EN	Continuation of patent US 6243691
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#### **Alerting Abstract WO A1**

The auction transmission system includes a posting mechanism for posting information across the network which describes the lot available for purchase.

A bidding mechanism is available to bidders to submit several bids across the network in response to the information. The bids are received and are automatically categorised as successful or unsuccessful. The posting mechanism includes merchandise catalogue page (23 and 25) generator and the receiving mechanism a bid storage database (31).

ADVANTAGE - Encourages large numbers of bidders to take part in auction and leads ultimately to better selling prices to economic betterment of auctioneer and seller.

**Title Terms/Index Terms/Additional Words:** AUCTION; INFORMATION; TRANSMISSION; PROCESS; SYSTEM; BID; MECHANISM; AVAILABLE; SUBMIT; ELECTRONIC; NETWORK; RESPOND; POST; RECEIVE; SUCCESS; UNSUCCESSFUL

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Set	Items	Description
S1	6584	AUCTION OR AUCTIONS OR COMPETITIVE??( ) (BUY OR BUYS OR BUYING OR BOUGHT OR PURCHAS??? OR BID OR BIDDING OR BIDS) OR MATCHING( )SYSTEM??
S2	3883	S1(5N) (PROCESS OR PROCESSES OR MECHANICS OR MECHANISM OR MECHANISMS OR STYLE OR STYLES OR DESIGN OR DESIGNS OR VARIANT - OR VARIANTS OR METHOD OR METHODS OR SYSTEM OR SYSTEMS OR SERVICE OR SERVICES OR FORMAT OR FORMATS)
S3	352	S2(10N) (UNUSUAL OR BIZARRE OR WEIRD OR DIFFERENT OR STRANGE OR UNIQUE OR NONTRADITIONAL OR NON( )TRADITIONAL)
S4	17443	(BID OR BIDS OR OFFER OR OFFERS OR TENDER OR TENDERS OR SUBMISSION OR SUBMISSIONS) (3N) (DATA OR INFORMATION OR INFO OR DETAIL OR DETAILS OR REQUEST OR REQUESTS OR PRICE OR PRICES OR REGISTRATION OR REGISTRATIONS)
S5	1552	S4(15N) (DATABASE OR DATABASES OR TABLE OR TABLES OR DATATABLABLE?? OR DATAFILE?? OR DB OR DBS)
S6	108290	(SMALLEST OR FEWEST OR LEAST) (7N) (BIDDER?? OR SHOPPER?? OR BUYER?? OR PURCHASER?? OR OFFERER?? OR OFFER?? (3N) (MAKER OR MAKERS) OR CUSTOMER OR CUSTOMERS OR USER OR USERS OR INDIVIDUAL OR INDIVIDUALS OR PARTICIPANT??)
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S10	18	S8(S)S5
S11	22	S8(S)S3
S12	10	S1(S)S5(S)S6(S)S7
S13	6	S3(S)S6(S)S7
S14	41	S1(S)S6(S)S7
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Computer controlled event ticket auctioning system  
Computergesteuertes System zur Versteigerung von Veranstaltungstickets  
Système d'encheres de ticket d'évenement commande par ordinateur  
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...SPECIFICATION information records, said previously accepted bid information records each including identification information, section identification, quantity **information**, and **bid price information**, said memory also storing a seating **database** having a predetermined preferential rank for each seat in each section; (b) a central controlling...

...of previously accepted bid information records, said previously accepted bid information records each including identification **information**, quantity **information**, and **bid price information**, said memory also storing a seating **database** having a predetermined preferential rank for each seat in the venue; (b) a central controlling...aspect of the invention the central controlling computer may be further operable to receive at **least one participant** preference option and associate one or more particular seats having a predetermined preferential rank with the stored received bid information based on the at **least one participant** preference option. Preferably the at **least one participant** preference option includes a front row seating option. Preferably the at **least one participant** preference option includes an aisle seating option. Preferably the at **least one participant** preference option includes a section seating option.

In the automated event ticket auctioning system of...

- ...a third aspect of the invention, we provide a method of conducting an automated ticket **auction** by receiving bids from **auction** participants located at a plurality of remote terminals, the automated ticket **auction** for a plurality of seats within a venue and corresponding to at least one particular...
- ...remote terminals through a communication system, the bid records including information concerning bidder identification and **bid** amount;
- (c) determining a **lowest** acceptable **bid** amount and determining acceptable **bid** records based on the **lowest** acceptable **bid** amount;
- (d) storing acceptable **bid** records in an **auction** database of the central computer; (e) assigning a rank to each acceptable bid record stored in the **auction** database based on the bid amount; (f) associating each acceptable bid record stored in the...
- ...receipt of bid records at the central computer; and (i) notifying, at the remote terminals, **auction** participants submitting acceptable bid records that they have been awarded tickets to the event at...
- ...Preferably the method further comprises the step, between steps(f) and (g), of determining bumped **bid** records based on the **lowest** acceptable **bid** amount and removing bumped **bid** records from the **auction** database of the central computer.
- Preferably the bid records of step (b) further include desired...
- ...the bid amounts for bid records associated with key seats are displayed to convey to **auction** participants useful bid information across the entire venue for the particular event.

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**Net auction management method and net auction management program**

**Verfahren und Programm zum Verwalten von Netz-Auktionen**

**Methode et programme pour la gestion d'une vente aux encheres**

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...SPECIFICATION F:(Yen)piclib(Yen)20010806(Yen)0123.jpgg."

Fig. 11 is a view showing the **data** structure of basic **bid information** included in the commodity master **table**. The Basic **Bid Information** section in the commodity master **table** 111 includes Date and Hour of Beginning of Auction, Date and Hour of End of **Auction**, **Lowest Bid Price**, and Use of Gradual Drop Flag columns which are associated with commodity numbers indicated in...

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 01593442

**Systems and methods for improving the liquidity and distribution network for luxury and other illiquid items**  
**Systeme und Verfahren zur Verbesserung der Liquiditat und des Distributionsnetzes von Luxusartikeln und anderen illiquiden Artikeln**  
**Systemes et procedes pour l'amelioration de la liquidite et du resau de distribution d'objets de luxe et d'autres objets peu liquides**

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...CLAIMS processor operative with the server program to perform calculations on the extracted portion of the **auction** data compares **different auction systems** and the final price received for completed **auctions** .

42. The **system** of claim 30 wherein the server processor operative with the server program to perform calculations on the extracted portion of the **auction** data calculates the **lowest price** paid in a completed **auction** .
43. The system of claim 30 wherein the server processor operative with the server program...

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01394009

**A TRADING AND AUCTION SYSTEM, AND METHODS FOR THE AUTHENTICATION OF BUYERS AND SELLERS AND FOR THE TRANSMISSION OF TRADING INSTRUCTIONS IN A TRADING AND AUCTION SYSTEM**

**HANDELS- UND AUKTIONIERUNGSSYSTEM UND VERFAHREN ZUR AUTHENTIFIZIERUNG VON KAUFERN UND VERKAUFERN UND ZUR UBERTRAGUNG VON HANDELSANWEISUNGEN IN EINEM HANDELS- UND AUKTIONIERUNGSSYSTEM**

**SYSTEME DE COMMERCE ET DE VENTE AUX ENCHERES, ET PROCEDE D'AUTHENTIFICATION D'ACHETEURS ET DE VENDEURS ET DE TRANSMISSION D'INSTRUCTIONS COMMERCIALES DANS UN SYSTEME DE COMMERCE ET DE VENTE AUX ENCHERES**

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...SPECIFICATION phone using the mobile network's SMS messaging system.

In another form, the invention assigns **unique** mobile-phone-like numeric addresses to each product or **service** being **bid** out on the **auction** server. This **unique** numeric address is used as an identifier in SMS messages sent from the auction server...

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**Auction method and apparatus for electronic commerce**  
**Auktionsmethode und Apparat für elektronischen Handel**  
**Methode de vente aux encheres et appareil de commerce electronique**  
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...SPECIFICATION which would be successful in any auction) b1))i) at the top of the data **table** and the lowest active **bid price** bMi))i) at the bottom of the table, bMi))i) being the **lowest bid price** in the **auction** which would succeed in buying the goods or services. Further bids in the auction, which...

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**Auction method and apparatus for electronic commerce**  
**Auktionsverfahren und Anordnung für elektronischen Handel**  
**Procédé de vente aux enchères et appareil pour le commerce électronique**  
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APPLICATION (CC, No, Date): EP 307531 000901;

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...SPECIFICATION which would be successful in any auction) b1))i) at the  
top of the data **table** and the lowest active **bid price** bMi))i) at  
the bottom of the table, bMi))i) being the **lowest bid price** in the  
**auction** which would succeed in buying the goods or services. Further  
bids in the auction, which...

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**OPERATING SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR USE IN AUCTION SERVICE BASED UPON LOWEST  
BID PRICE**

**SYSTEME D'EXPLOITATION ET SON PROCÉDE D'UTILISATION DANS UN SERVICE DE  
VENTE AUX ENCHERES REPOSANT SUR LE PRIX ACHETEUR LE PLUS BAS**

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Detailed Description  
Claims

Detailed Description

... present invention, the above and other objects can be accomplished by the provision of an **auction service** operating system based upon a **lowest bid price**, the **auction service** operating system being connected to a plurality of **buyer terminals** through at **least** one network and deciding one **buyer** offering the **lowest bid price** within a range between predetermined highest and **lowest prices** on a product to be a successful bidder for a predetermined time, comprising: a goods information database for storing goods information containing highest and **lowest prices** according to goods codes in an **auction**; a **bid information database** for storing **bid information** containing **bid price** and bidder **information** according to the goods codes; a bid registration part for carrying out a **bid registration** process by storing received **bid prices** in the **bid information database** when the **bid prices** are provided from the buyer terminals; and a successful **bid** process part for retrieving the lowest bid price from the **bid information** about a specific product stored in the **bid information database**, and deciding a buyer offering the **lowest bid price** to be a successful bidder if the **lowest bid price** is contained between the predetermined highest and **lowest prices**, wherein the **bid prices** offered by buyers are disclosed for a predetermined bid time.

In accordance with another aspect...

...can be accomplished by the provision of an auction service operating method based upon a **lowest bid price** in a system being connected to a plurality of **buyer terminals** through at **least** one network and deciding one **buyer** offering the **lowest bid price** within a range between predetermined highest and **lowest prices** on a product to be a successful bidder for a predetermined time, comprising the steps of: (a) allowing buyers (or bidders) to select an **auction product** and to access the system; (b) allowing the buyers to **offer bid prices** within the predetermined highest and **lowest prices**; and (c) when a

predetermined **bid** time expires, deciding a buyer (or bidder) offering the **lowest bid price** to be a successful bidder, wherein the bid prices offered by the buyers are disclosed for the bid time.

Preferably, the auction service operating method based upon the **lowest bid price** further comprises the step of: when only one bidder offering the **lowest bid price** is not present at the step (c), carrying out a retrieving operation to determine whether at **least two bidders** offering the **lowest bid price** are present, and deciding one of the at **least two bidders** first offering the **lowest bid price** to be the successful bidder.

Advantageous effects

An auction method of the present invention notifies...

...example, the good

information database 421 stores goods type information, manufacturer information, the highest and **lowest prices** set by an **auction** system operator, goods characteristics, etc. various goods information units such as a bid date and...

...price. The above-described prices are not limited. On the other hand, the goods information **database** contains information 'indicative of. a unit of a **bid price** on goods (e.g., a unit of 1 cent, 2 cents, 1 0 cents or...

...is carried out on the basis of the bid information stored in the bid information **database** 422. That is, a plurality of **bid information** units stored according to goods codes are retrieved from the **bid information** database 422 (\$200). If there is only one buyer offering the **lowest bid price** within the **bid price** range designated by the **auction** operator, the buyer is selected as a successful bidder (\$220 and \$230). As soon as...

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#### **METHOD OF DETERMINING A WINNER FROM A NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS**

#### **PROCEDE DE DETERMINATION D'UN GAGNANT PARMIS UN CERTAIN NOMBRE DE PARTICIPANTS**

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Detailed Description

... factor in an electronic auction, the method including the steps of;  
receiving information from at **least** two **bidders** , the information including bid  
proposals from at **least** two **bidders** ; assigning a random decimal number to the **bid**  
proposals; and determining the first **unique bid** proposal in a predetermined  
order of ranking and in the absence thereof, determining the first...

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**METHOD, DEVICE AND SYSTEM FOR A MACHINE-READABLE CODE ENABLED DEVICE  
ENABLING E-COMMERCE TRANSACTIONS  
PROCEDURE, DISPOSITIF ET SYSTEME POUR UN DISPOSITIF ACTIVE PAR CODE LISIBLE  
PAR MACHINE PERMETTANT DES TRANSACTIONS DE COMMERCE ELECTRONIQUE**

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Detailed Description

Detailed Description  
... version of a product for a discount.

- 10 In another embodiment relating to a reverse **auction**, the portable device 16 reads the vendor information 14 of a product 12 that the user desires to purchase for the **lowest possible price**. The portable device 16 then transmits the vendor information 14 along with anonymous **user** information to the server 20. At **least** one vendor accesses the server 20 to find out which products 12 are being sought...

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**AUCTION SYSTEM**

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Claims

#### Detailed Description

... the bid data item falls within a range of acceptable bid values.

Determining whether the **bid** data item is the current **lowest unique bid** for the **auction** further comprises carrying out a look up of, or running a **database** query on, a **database** of stored **bid data** items for the auction. The look-up or query can include determining whether the number...

...stored bids at the bid data item value is zero. If the number of stored **bids** at the **bid data** item value is zero then a look up or query of the **database** of stored **bid data** items for the auction can be carried out to determine the current lowest unique bid...

...to a further aspect of the invention, there is provided a computer system for facilitating **bidder** participation in an auction, comprising: at **least** a first data processing device and a memory in communication with the data processing device...

...data item being derived from a bid message sent by a bidder; determine whether the **bid** data item is the current **lowest unique bid** for an **auction**; if it is determined that the **bid** data item is the current **lowest unique bid**, then to generate a **bid** acceptance message indicating that the **bid** is the current **lowest unique bid**, and if it is determined that the **bid** data item is not the current **lowest unique bid**, then to generate a **bid** acceptance message indicating that the **bid** is not the current **lowest unique bid**; determine a destination telecommunications device phone number for the acceptance message; and send the acceptance...

...determined that the user's bid is within the range, then at step 166 the **auction system** determines whether the **bid** amount is **unique**, i.e. whether there are any other **bids** at the same amount for this **auction**. If the **auction** system determines that the **bid** is not **unique** then the user's **bid** is still accepted and a bid acceptance message indicating that the user's bid has...

...and a new bid amount, effectively returning to step 152.

If at step 166 the **auction system** has determined that the **bid** is **unique** then at step 170 the **auction system** determines whether the **bid** is the current **lowest unique bid** and if not, then the user is sent a bid acceptance message indicating that while...

...amount, e.g.

64p, for the lot of the auction.

If at step 170, the **auction system** determines that the **bid** is the current **lowest unique bid** then a **bid acceptance** message is sent via reverse billed SMS messaging to the bidder 174 indicating the...

...or the auction closes.

After a bid has been made by another bidder then the **auction system** determines 178 whether that other bid is a lower **unique bid**. If the other bid is a lower unique bid then the holder of the...

...no longer unique and the user's interaction ends. If at the close of the **auction** neither a lower **unique bid** nor a **bid** at the same amount has been made, then the holder of the current lowest unique...

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# **INTERACTIVE REMOTE AUCTION BIDDING SYSTEM**

## **SYSTEME INTERACTIF D'OFFRE A DISTANCE DANS UNE VENTE AUX ENCHERES**

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Claims

Detailed Description

... addressing these and other associated problems by tagging the bid sent

by the remote bidder **system** 802 to the **auction system** 800. In one embodiment, the **auction system** 800 may create a **unique** identifier each time the **price** for the auctioned item is updated, such as when a new bid is received at...  
...the auction. The unique identifier may, for example, be a time stamp generated by the **auction system** 800 when the new **bid** is received. The **unique** identifier might also be a uniquely generated number, combinations of the current pricing and time...

Claim

... same.

17 The method of Claim 13, further comprising:  
updating, with a new amount, the **auction system** current **price**; and  
associating a **unique** identifier with the **auction system** current **price** based on when  
the **auction system** current price was updated with the new amount;  
receiving, by the remote bidding **system**, the new amount of the **auction system**  
current **price** and the **unique** identifier; and  
updating the remote bidder system current price with the new amount.

18 The method of Claim 13, further comprising transmitting a **unique** identifier based on the **auction system** current **price** to the remote bidder system and wherein the message transmitted from the remote bidder **system** to the **auction system** includes the **unique** identifier such that the **auction system** uses the **unique** identifier received from the remote bidder system to determine whether to accept or reject the...

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**A METHOD FOR PROVIDING AUCTION SERVICE VIA THE INTERNET AND A SYSTEM THEREOF**  
**PROCEDE DESTINE A PROCURER UN SERVICE DE VENTE AUX ENCHERES VIA INTERNET, ET SYSTEME CORRESPONDANT**  
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#### AUCTION VARIATION

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Detailed Description

... 5%, 0.25% or less of the list price. In Fig. 2 there is a **table**  
illustrating an exemplary **price bid** 200 wherein the closest price to  
zero wins the bid according to an exemplary embodiment...

...the invention, more than one unit of the item is offered for sale and  
the **lowest bids** win the **auction**. For @,exanple in Fig. 2 for 2  
units being offered bid C and bid F...

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#### SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CONDUCTING ONLINE AUCTIONS

##### SYSTEME ET PROCEDE PERMETTANT D'EXECUTER DES VENTES AUX ENCHERES EN LIGNE

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Detailed Description  
... online materials supply contract system is described. The system,  
involving a computer network including at **least** one **buyer** computer,  
an administrator computer and at **least** two supplier computers, makes  
it possible for a buyer to establish an underlying base supply **auction** '  
process, the invention therefore affords dynamic comparison of offers as  
suppliers bid downwardly against one another to achieve the best result (  
**lowest** factored **bid** ) for the buyer. The system and method described  
above has been tested extensively and shown to provide significant  
advantages over other approaches to online **auctions** .

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SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR IMPROVING THE LIQUIDITY AND DISTRIBUTION NETWORK  
FOR LUXURY AND OTHER ILLIQUID ITEMS  
SYSTEMES ET PROCEDES POUR AMELIORER LE RESEAU DE LIQUIDITES ET DE  
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Detailed Description

Claims

Claim

... completed auctions.

50. The method of claim 38 where calculating  
the extracted portion of the **auction** data further  
comprises calculating the lowest **price** paid in a  
completed **auction** .

51 The method of claim 38 where calculating  
the extracted portion of the auction data...processor operative with the  
server program to perform  
calculations on the extracted portion of the **auction** data  
compares **different auction systems** and the final price  
paid for completed **auctions** .

105. The **system** of claim 94 wherein the server  
processor operative with the server program to perform  
calculations on the extracted portion of the **auction** data  
compares **different auction systems** and the final price  
received for completed **auctions** .

106. The **system** of ...processor operative with the server program to  
perform  
calculations on the extracted portion of the **auction** data  
calculates the **lowest price** paid in a completed **auction** .

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**DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM AND METHOD**

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Claims

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... bid.

More preferably, the method further comprises.  
determining whether the value of the highest losing **bid** is equal to the  
value of the **lowest** winning **bid**; if the highest losing **bid** has the same value  
as the **lowest** winning **bid**, setting the maximum value **bidder** purchase price for  
the at **least** one item to the value of the highest losing bid; if the highest  
losing bid has a value lower than that of the **lowest** winning **bid**, setting the  
maximum value **bidder** purchase price for the at **least** one item to one **auction**  
increment higher than the value of the highest losing bid.

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**ENHANCED AUCTION MECHANISM FOR ONLINE TRANSACTIONS**

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Detailed Description  
Claims

#### Claim

... and said teams' bids.

8 In a computer device, an online auction system having at **least** one  
seller and at **least** one **buyer**, said auction system comprising:  
a) an interface module configured to provide a user interface between...  
based on participant's bids and specified monetary benefits of  
conversion, while preventing participants with **low bids** from being  
allocated said items and said prizes instead of participants with higher bids.

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**TIER-DRIVEN REVERSE AUCTION SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ELECTRONIC COMMERCE**  
**PROCEDE ET SYSTEME DE MISE AUX ENCHERES INVERSEE PAR CATEGORIE POUR**  
**COMMERCE ELECTRONIQUE**

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Fulltext Availability:

Detailed Description  
Claims

Claim

... of the  
specific products listed on the web site; the software means providing to the  
**customer** at **least** the following two options for transaction mechanisms: a first,  
local option to assist the customer...

...to the customer; and a second, bidwheel option to enable the customer to receive a  
**lowest price bid** on the selected product from a selected bid community of  
merchants via a tier-driven reverse **auction** process.

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**A SYSTEM AND METHOD OF AUCTION**

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Publication Language: English

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Fulltext Word Count: 9709

Fulltext Availability:

Detailed Description

Detailed Description

... inducing order, as auction orders,, and renews the  
order processing state field in the order **database** section  
24 according to the auction orders.

The auction module 46 functions to compare unit **bid**  
**prices** of the auction orders selected by the auction order  
selecting module 44 one after another, so as to exclude an  
order with the **lowest bid price** from the auction according  
to a principle of the auction. According to the principle  
of the **auction**, an order with the **lowest bid price** is  
excluded from the **auction** after comparing unit auction  
prices recorded in the purchase orders, and a bidder of the  
25  
order with the **lowest price** can participate again in the  
**auction** with a higher bid price in the case where there is  
further arranged an automatic...

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SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CONDUCTING AUCTION USING COMPUTER NETWORK

SYSTEME ET PROCEDE SERVANT A MENER UNE ENCHERE AU MOYEN D'UN RESEAU  
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Fulltext Availability:  
Detailed Description  
Claims

#### Claim

... 1. In an auction system comprising an auction server for performing auction procedures, with at least one buyer interface connected to the 15 auction server and at least one seller interface connected to...  
...auction server- and (1 5) reporting by the auction server the successful bidder, wherein a low price and a high price is also included in the bid information received from the buyers in step (13), and...  
...16 In an auction system comprising an auction server for performing auction procedures, with at least one buyer interface connected to the 20 auction server and at least one seller interface connected to...  
...the auction server- and (22) reporting by the auction server the successful bidder, wherein a low price and a high price is also included in the bid information received from the sellers in step (20), and...

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#### METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR BIDDING ON MULTIPLE AUCTIONS

#### PROCEDE ET SYSTEME D'OFFRE DANS DES VENTES AUX ENCHERES MULTIPLES

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 TM TR TT TZ UA UG UZ VN YU ZA ZW  
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 Detailed Description

#### Detailed Description

... in which there are multiple auctions for price i in  
 sirm,lar items (or at **least** items that the **bidder** considers  
 fungible), and the 3o bidder wants to win only a certain number of  
**auctions** at the **lowest prices**  
 6  
 Web page 100 includes **auction** ID fields 101, maximum bid field  
 possi  
 102, maximum number of **auctions** to win field 103, and participate-m  
**auctions** button 104.. The **auction** ID fields allow a bidder to input  
 the identifiers of the **auctions** . Each **auction** may have an associated  
**unique** identifier assigned by an **auction system** . A bidder may browse through  
 a hierarchy of **auction** categories to identify the **auctions** of interest.  
 The bidding system may display a dialog box for browsing through the  
 categories of **auctions** when an **auction** ID fields is selected. The  
 maximum bid field is  
 for input of the maximum bid for these **auctions** . The maximum number of  
**auctions** to win field is for input of two maximum numbers of **auctions**  
 the  
 bidder wants to win. When a bidder selects the participate- in- **auctions**  
 button, the bidding system stores the multiple **auction** bidding  
 information  
 (e.g., identification of the **auctions** and an indication of the bidding  
 technique) and may provide a confirmation identifier to the bidder. The  
 bidding system uses the best price bidding technique when bidding at the  
 identified **auctions** . According to the best price bidding technique, the  
 bidding system will initially determine the current bid of each **auction**  
 and then place a bid at the (maximum number of) **auctions** whose current  
**bids** are **lowest** . Whenever a **bid** placed by the bidding system is  
 outbid, the bidding  
 'II agai determine the current bid of each **auction** for which no bid  
 system wi in l  
 of the bidder is pending and then place a **bid** at the **auction** whose  
 current **bid**  
 is **lowest** . The bidding system will stop bidding when the maximum number  
 of **auctions** won or when each **auction** has a bid that exceeds the  
 maximum

bid. The bidding system will have at most...

...of items. Since it is possible that the bidding bidder will be outbid at both **auctions**, the bidding system can only guarantee an upper bound on the number of items won. In this example, a bidder may identify four **auctions** and 'indicate that the bidder wants to win at two of the **auctions**. In such an '7 example, the bidding system will have bids pending at at most two **auctions** with the **lowest** current **bids**.

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**DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM FOR CONDUCTING A MODIFIED ON-LINE AUCTION**

**SYSTEME DE TRAITEMENT DE DONNEES UTILE POUR REALISER UNE VENTE AUX ENCHERES**

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Detailed Description

Claims

Claim

... of the auction is lower than the market price of the item. For

example, the **bid** increment can be restricted to a **low** number.

Alternatively, the **auction** can be conducted for a very short period of time which maximizes the excitement and...

...one or more servers which are connected to the Internet and have access to various **databases**. In one implementation, the **databases** store web

page data, item **data** , auction **data** , **bid** purchase **data** and user data. Client computers with access to the Internet (or other network) can access...server 22. Figure 1 shows application server 22 in communication with item data 40, auction **data** 42, **bid** purchase **data** 44 and user data

46 Each of the **databases** 40-46 can be separate **databases** stored in separate storage devices, can be combined into one or more than one storage...

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# **MULTIPLE AUCTION COORDINATION METHOD AND SYSTEM**

## **PROCEDE ET SYSTEME DE COORDINATION D'ENCHERES MULTIPLES**

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Detailed Description

Detailed Description

... on, and the multi-auction

service placing bids on the item specified at the remote

**auction services** such that a **unique** and optimal **bid** is active

at only one of the remote auction services at a moment in time...

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**BID MESSAGE PROCESSING FOR REAL-TIME AUCTIONS**

**TRAITEMENT DE MESSAGES D'OFFRES POUR VENTES AUX ENCHERES EN TEMPS REEL**

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Detailed Description

Detailed Description

... in the sequence or groupings of goods and services offered.

There are a number of **different** types of auction **styles** . Yankee **auctions** begin with a **low asking price** , which is increased during the **auction** with each successful bid. Dutch auctions, by contrast, start with a high price that is...

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S5	1538	S4(S) (DATABASE OR DATABASES OR TABLE OR TABLES OR DATATABLE?? OR DATAFILE?? OR DB OR DBS)
S6	9417	(SMALLEST OR FEWEST OR LEAST) (7N) (BIDDER?? OR SHOPPER?? OR BUYER?? OR PURCHASER?? OR OFFERER?? OR OFFER?? (3N) (MAKER OR MAKERS) OR CUSTOMER OR CUSTOMERS OR USER OR USERS OR INDIVIDUAL OR INDIVIDUALS OR PARTICIPANT??)
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S10	3	S8 AND S5
S11	46	S8 AND S4
S12	8	S8 AND S3

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 S14 2 S1 AND S6 AND S7  
 S15 5 S1 AND S5 AND S7  
 S16 0 S1 AND S5 AND S6  
 S18 14 S9 OR S10 OR S12:S15  
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**Abstract:** Internet group buying systems have been widely used recently. In those systems, because the reserve price is provided by the buyer, the success rate can be decreased if the reserve **price** is set too **low** compared with the normal **price**. Otherwise, an unsuitable successful bid can be made if the reserve price is set too high based on inaccurate information. Likewise, the seller's providing too high a **bid price** can deteriorate his/her own successful **bid** rate, whereas a successful **bid** with too **low** a **price** may make no profit in the sale. Therefore, pricing agents that recommend adequate prices based on the past buying and selling history data can be helpful. We propose two kinds of agents. One suggests reserve prices to buyers based on the past buying history **database** of the system. The other recommends **bid prices** to a seller based on the past bidding history data of the company using the cost accounting theory. Through performance experiments, we show that the successful bid rate can increase by preventing buyers from making unreasonable reserve prices. Also, we show that, for the seller, the rate of successful bids with appropriate profits can increase. Using the pricing agents, we design and implement an XML-based group buying system (extensible markup language). Because it is based on XML standards, it has advantages such as interoperability and extendibility compared with previous proprietary electronic commerce systems. (16 Refs)

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Identifiers: pricing agents; Internet group buying systems; reserve pricing; past buying history database; past bidding history data; cost accounting theory; XML-based group buying system; extensible markup

language; joint buying; reverse **auction** ; unit price lowering; bulk purchasing; electronic commerce systems; recommendation systems; information retrieval; unsuccessful purchasing rate reduction; reserve pricing agent; bid pricing agent; reserve price generation; bid price generation; XML standards based system

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**Modeling dredging project cost variations**

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers maintains a database of cost **information** for **competitively bid** dredging projects. These **data** were used to construct linear regression models and radial-basis-function neural networks to predict the completed cost of the dredging projects. The stepwise linear regression procedure was used to construct equations to predict the completed cost based on input of the **low bid**, government cost estimates, and estimated project-dredging quantities. A data transformation using the natural logarithm enhanced the linear relationships between the variables. An exponential relationship between the **low bid** and completed cost indicated that large dredging projects could be completed for less than the bid amount. The variables used as inputs to the neural networks were the **low bid**, the government estimate, estimated quantity, the type of dredge, the method of dredged material disposal, the number of bidders, and the class of work. The addition of categorical variables like the type of dredging and disposal method did not improve the predictive performance of the neural network. The best neural network model was able to predict 40.4% of the test set projects within 10% of the actual cost. The best regression model predicted 51.4% of the projects within 10% of the actual cost.

English Descriptors: Dredging; Project evaluation; Cost estimation;

Database; Regression model; Linear regression; Numerical simulation;

Neural network; Economic aspect; Invitation to tender

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donnee; Modele regression; Regression lineaire; Simulation numerique;

Reseau neuronal; Aspect economique; Appel offre

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**TITLE: Sequentially Optimal Auctions**

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ABSTRACT: We examine equilibria in sequential auctions where a seller can post a reserve price but, if the auction fails to result in a sale, can commit keeping the object off the market only for an exogenously fixed period of time. We restrict attention to environments where bidders have independent private values and where the support of the bidder types lies strictly above the valuation of the seller. In the case where the seller sells by second **price auction** in each period, there is a **unique** perfect Bayesian equilibrium. A form of revenue equivalence is shown. There exists a perfect Bayesian equilibrium of repeated first price auctions with the feature that in every period, the seller's expected revenue from the continuation is the same in either **auction mechanism**. As the length of time the seller can commit to keeping the object off the market goes to zero, seller expected revenues converge to those of a static auction with no reserve price. As the number of bidders becomes large, the seller expected revenue approaches the revenue from an optimal static auction. We also characterize a parametrized auction game in which the simple equilibrium reserve price policy of the seller mirrors a policy commonly used by many auctioneers.

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 DIALOG(R)File 15:ABI/Inform(R)

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**Competition and prices in USDA commodity procurement**  
MacDonald, James M; Handy, Charles R; Plato, Gerald E  
Southern Economic Journal v69n1 PP: 128-143 Jul 2002  
ISSN: 0038-4038 JRNL CODE: SEJ  
WORD COUNT: 5680

...TEXT: to long-term commodity price movements, and that bidders do not pass short-term commodity **price** fluctuations through to **bid prices** .

The models show strong locational effects (unreported in the **tables** ).  
**Bid prices** rise sharply for delivery to distant states. Transport costs should account for higher shares of...

...bids), and variety matters, sometimes by large amounts (reduced-fat peanut butter carries a 38% **price** premium).

**Why Use Procurement Auctions ? Low Bids Compared with Private Sector Prices**

Because USDA sets tight product specifications and requires specific packaging, bidders compete on homogeneous products...single-bidder auctions, displays the only violation of the expected relation between bidder numbers and **price** ( **Table 4** ). **Low bids** fall as the number of bidders falls from three to two. Peanut butter bids do...

...in this environment, the number of competitors matters. As the number of bidders declines, the **low bids** in USDA **auctions** increase. The largest increases occur as bidder numbers fall from two to one; in the four commodity samples with single bidder **auctions** , **low bids** rise by 4.2-8.3%, depending upon commodity and specification. **Low bids** continue to change, by small but statistically significant amounts, as bidder numbers in our **auction** samples increase from two to three, four, five, six, and seven **bidders** . In comparing **auctions** with the **fewest bidders** with those with the most **bidders** in a given commodity category, the aggregate effect of competition ranges from 8.4 to...

18/3,K/8 (Item 8 from file: 15)  
DIALOG(R)File 15:ABI/Inform(R)  
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01551821 02-02810

**Renewable subsidies in the age of deregulation**  
Ferre, Steven  
Public Utilities Fortnightly v135n22 PP: 22-28 Dec 1997  
ISSN: 1078-5892 JRNL CODE: PUF  
WORD COUNT: 2680

...TEXT: This is not to say the price established through a bidding process must select the **lowest-priced bid** . Some states **price** winning **bidders** at the price bid by the **least** expensive losing **bidder** . These "second price" **auctions** are used in California. The marginal clearing bid may also be employed for pricing pool...

18/3,K/10 (Item 2 from file: 20)

DIALOG(R)File 20:Dialog Global Reporter

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**Electronic auction house benefits Chinese farmers**

BUSINESS DAILY UPDATE, p28

May 28, 2003

JOURNAL CODE: FCIN LANGUAGE: English RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT

WORD COUNT: 676

... in a selling area and finally a retailer. At each step of the process the **lowest** possible **price** was offered, Yang said, and the expense in the complicated distribution process was usually shared...

... Wang said. "But now the local farming service group will help arrange for the electronic **auction** . The **auction** also cuts short the distribution process, which means we farmers will share less cost in...

... was no longer bothered by shipping and bargaining. Wholesale purchasers also benefited from the electronic **auction** . Cui Jindong, a vegetable wholesaler from northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, said that traditional dealing...

...the price when we sold them. However, all we have to do at an electronic **auction** is to press some keys." Cui said he clinched a deal at May 27's **auction** in just two minutes. Market official Yang Dongxu described the electronic **auction** in Shouguang as China's first step towards modern methods of farm produce dealing. Though the electronic **auction** of farm products was still at a fledgling stage in China, it was an irreversible ...

... Qiwei, an expert with a provincial agricultural consulting service in Shandong, said that the electronic **auction** could also help develop a tracing system for farm produce. Zheng Wenhui, a manager of...

...were so many participants involved in the process. "But now a wholesaler at such an **auction** usually has a fixed number of farmers who provide him vegetables." "Checks on pesticide residue are usually made prior to an **auction** , so it is quite easy now to trace where liability lies." He Qiwei said that...

18/3,K/12 (Item 4 from file: 20)

DIALOG(R)File 20:Dialog Global Reporter

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**Event Brief of Q1 2003 Entergy Earnings Conference Call - Part 1**

FAIR DISCLOSURE WIRE

April 02, 2003

JOURNAL CODE: WFDW LANGUAGE: English RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT

WORD COUNT: 4619

(USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULLTEXT)

... of the available merchant generation in ETR's region are even bidding into the weekly **auctions** the merchants helped design. 2. The

City of New Orleans and the Louisiana Public Service...

... other bidders. 8. Based upon a review of ETR's economic analysis, these are the **lowest** cost **bids**. 9. The Fall 2002 RFP was a learning experience for ETR, market participants, and the...

... fair bidding process going forward. It sets a price for other bidders that they can **bid** to because they know what the **lowest bid** was in the last **auction** or what the next **lowest bid** that wasn't accepted. That's not in the interest of our customers or in...

18/3,K/17 (Item 9 from file: 20)

DIALOG(R)File 20:Dialog Global Reporter

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14076040

**Briefs: Surfing Bananas**

BUSINESSWORLD (PHILIPPINES), p20

December 05, 2000

JOURNAL CODE: FBWP LANGUAGE: English RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT

WORD COUNT: 139

... to sell their wares through the website. Sellers receive maximum prices for their goods, while **buyers** pay the **least** possible amount.

18/3,K/18 (Item 10 from file: 20)

DIALOG(R)File 20:Dialog Global Reporter

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14019071 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULLTEXT)

**BidXS, Strong Numbers Partner to Provide Most Extensive Auction Results and Best Historical Pricing Information!**

PR NEWSWIRE

November 30, 2000

JOURNAL CODE: WPRW LANGUAGE: English RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT

WORD COUNT: 502

... available through a unique technology that provides BidXS online auction shoppers with important, relevant pricing **information** before placing **bids**. With the largest pricing **database** available on the Internet, Strong Numbers automatically sorts products into categories for the most popular...

... previous online transactions. Each day Strong Numbers reviews and analyzes more than one million completed **auctions** from more than 250 **auction** sites and translates data into a usable format to provide this service for its partners...

18/3,K/24 (Item 1 from file: 16)

DIALOG(R)File 16:Gale Group PROMT(R)

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09865331 Supplier Number: 86480544 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)

**Information technology insights: online trading of chemicals in the post-Enron environment. (Management).**

Glasgow, Bo  
Chemical Market Reporter, v261, n21, p17(3)  
May 27, 2002  
Language: English Record Type: Fulltext  
Document Type: Magazine/Journal; Trade  
Word Count: 2538

... system eminently 'auditable.'"  
Essentially, risk management for chemicals trading has revolved around price hedging at **least** for sellers and **buyers** . For market makers, the process also inherently involves speculation. While hedging type tools might very...

...in which new hedging tools (paper trades offsetting physical quantities) might take root include forward **auctions** (seller offers to highest bidder at a specified deadline--used for price discovery on new products, profit margin enhancement or inventory liquidation); reverse **auctions** (initiated by a purchaser to get **low prices** ); **bid** /ask exchanges (reflecting seller's strategies relative to price, quantity and configuration); dynamic pricing and...

**18/3,K/26 (Item 3 from file: 16)**  
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06160883 Supplier Number: 53975019 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)  
**MSA IMPACT: OPENIPO MAY EFFECT FEWER BUYOUTS.**  
Computergram International, pNA  
March 1, 1999  
Language: English Record Type: Fulltext  
Document Type: Newswire; Trade  
Word Count: 1137

TEXT:

...way companies go public. WR Hambrecht & Co, established in January 1998, is promoting a "Dutch **auction** " system designed to break the stranglehold that powerful financial institutions have long enjoyed on new...

...the resulting price reflects what people are truly willing to pay for the stock. The **auction** system proposed by Hambrecht will have the buyers and sellers together creating a "market clearing..."

...up paying the same price in the end, which is equal to that of the **lowest winning bid** . Thus, if a million shares are being offered, all of the successful bidders will pay...

...set. Those above the offering price will essentially get all the shares they sought, while **bidders** at the offering price will receive at **least** a portion of what they were looking for. Any bidders under the offering price will...

...Vickrey, who won a Nobel Prize in Economics for his work in the area of **auctions** . Hambrecht says his adaptation of the model is beneficial to everyone concerned. The investors who...

18/3,K/28 (Item 5 from file: 16)

DIALOG(R)File 16:Gale Group PROMT(R)  
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02798085 Supplier Number: 43757458

**SO(2) POLLUTION RIGHTS: EPA raises \$21 million in first auction**

Chemical & Engineering News, p4

April 5, 1993

Language: English Record Type: Abstract

Document Type: Magazine/Journal; Refereed; Academic

**ABSTRACT:**

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) raised \$21 mil in its first annual **auction** of 150,000 sulfur dioxide emission allowances, as mandated under the 1990 Clean Air Act...

...ton of sulfur dioxide from the smokestacks of coal-burning boilers. The electronic sealed-bid **auction**, run by the Chicago Board of Trade, was designed to set a national benchmark for...

...of such allowances. The allowances sold for an average \$150--over \$100 lower than the **lowest prices** expected 1 yr ago--with a **low** of \$122 and a high of \$450. The **auction** is part of EPA's plan to use the free enterprise system to cut sulfur dioxide emissions 10 mil tons to 9 mil tpy by 2000 vs 1980. **Table details** percents of **bids** and purchase made by utilities, brokerage firms, public interest groups, private investors and others.

**TEXT:**

18/3,K/29 (Item 1 from file: 148)

DIALOG(R)File 148:Gale Group Trade & Industry DB

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15805121 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 101176849 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)

**European consumers' willingness to pay for U.S. beef in experimental auction markets.**

Alfnes, Frode; Rickertsen, Kyrre

American Journal of Agricultural Economics, 85, 2, 396(10)

May, 2003

ISSN: 0002-9092 LANGUAGE: English RECORD TYPE: Fulltext; Abstract

WORD COUNT: 5777 LINE COUNT: 00553

... the area, as shown in table 1.

The extensive literature on second-price sealed-bid **auctions** goes back to Vickrey, who showed that the second-price sealed-bid **auction** is strategically equivalent to the English **auction**. In both types of **auctions**, the participants' weakly dominant strategy is to bid their own reservation prices. Because of this property, the second-price sealed-bid **auction** is an incentive compatible method of eliciting WTP. However, it is an unusual market mechanism...

18/3,K/30 (Item 2 from file: 148)

DIALOG(R)File 148:Gale Group Trade & Industry DB

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15083726 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 92588020 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)

**Reputation in an Internet auction market.(Investigation of how assessments of reputation affect Internet auction dealings)**

McDonald, Cynthia G.; Slawson, V. Carlos, Jr.

Economic Inquiry, 40, 4, 633(18)

Oct, 2002

ISSN: 0095-2583

LANGUAGE: English

RECORD TYPE: Fulltext; Abstract

WORD COUNT: 9102

LINE COUNT: 00971

... be used in interpreting these univariate results, because the auction structure changes and the highest **bid price** increases over the time period.

**Table 3** provides a more detailed description of seller reputation. In addition to the eBay reputation...interested in how auction characteristics, especially seller reputation, affect the number of bids and highest **auction price**. We hypothesize that sellers with **low** reputations will not obtain as high a **price**, on average, as sellers with high reputation. Similarly, high-reputation sellers should receive more bids...

**18/3,K/31 (Item 3 from file: 148)**

DIALOG(R)File 148:Gale Group Trade & Industry DB

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14243944 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 82299580 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)

**Multiunit auctions in which almost every bid wins.**

Engelbrecht-Wiggans, Richard; Kahn, Charles M.

Southern Economic Journal, 68, 3, 617(15)

Jan, 2002

ISSN: 0038-4038

LANGUAGE: English

RECORD TYPE: Fulltext

WORD COUNT: 8234

LINE COUNT: 00629

... high enough that bidders are unwilling to win K units; we will only consider reserve **prices** sufficiently low that **bidders** are willing to submit **bids** of at **least** the reserve price on K units. Sufficient for this to be the case is that...

**18/3,K/37 (Item 1 from file: 484)**

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05719983 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 209445091 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULLTEXT)

**Reputation in an Internet auction market**

McDonald, Cynthia G; Slawson, V Carlos Jr

Economic Inquiry (WEF), v40 n4, p633-650, p.18

Oct 2002

ISSN: 0095-2583

JOURNAL CODE: WEF

DOCUMENT TYPE: Feature

LANGUAGE: English

RECORD TYPE: Fulltext; Abstract

WORD COUNT: 7969

TEXT:

Note that the typical auction structure changes over the time period. **Auctions** with **low** opening **price** and no reserve occur earlier in the time period; **auctions** with a high opening bid and a high reserve occur later in the time period. The highest bid varies across **auction** structures, with the largest high bid in **auctions** with a hidden reserve



and high opening bid. However, caution should be used in interpreting these univariate results, because the **auction** structure changes and the highest **bid price** increases over the time period.

**Table 3** provides a more detailed description of seller reputation. In addition to the eBay reputation...

...s experience. NEG/POS is not correlated with seller experience.

Hypothesized Cross-Sectional Variation in **Price** and Number of **Bids**

**Table 5** provides a list of variable definitions used in the empirical analysis and the hypothesized...

...interested in how auction characteristics, especially seller reputation, affect the number of bids and highest **auction price**. We hypothesize that sellers with **low** reputations will not obtain as high a **price**, on average, as sellers with high reputation. Similarly, high-reputation sellers should receive more bids...

18/3,K/38 (Item 2 from file: 484)

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SUPPLIER NUMBER: 163515691 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULLTEXT)

**Collusion via signalling in simultaneous ascending bid auctions with heterogeneous objects, with and without complementarities**

Brusco, Sandro; Lopomo, Giuseppe

Review of Economic Studies (RST), v69 n239, p407-436, p.30

Apr 2002

ISSN: 0034-6527 JOURNAL CODE: RST

DOCUMENT TYPE: Feature

LANGUAGE: English

RECORD TYPE: Fulltext; Abstract

WORD COUNT: 3381

TEXT:

... class can be described for the simple case with only two bidders as follows. Each **bidder** starts by placing the **smallest** possible **bid** on her most valued object, and no bid on the other object. If only one... objects are ranked differently by the two bidders. In this case the bidders let the **auction** end in the second round by remaining silent. Each bidder is thus awarded one object...

...try again to coordinate with each other and buy one object each for a relatively **low price** (Proposition 2). In all equilibria of this kind, the outcome entails socially inefficient allocations in...

...the bidders end up paying less than they would by bidding straightforwardly throughout the entire **auction**. The reduced payments make up for the loss of efficiency in assigning the objects, hence...

18/3,K/40 (Item 4 from file: 484)

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SUPPLIER NUMBER: 96283172 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULLTEXT)

**Auction format matters: Evidence on bidding behavior and seller revenue**

Feldman, Robert A; Reinhart, Vincent

International Monetary Fund Staff Papers (IMF), v43 n2, p395-418  
Jun 1996  
ISSN: 0020-8027 JOURNAL CODE: IMF  
DOCUMENT TYPE: Feature  
LANGUAGE: English RECORD TYPE: Fulltext; Abstract  
WORD COUNT: 6486 LENGTH: Long (31+ col inches)

TEXT:

... auction format. Quite clearly, maximum bids tended to be higher under the uniform-price format.

( Table Omitted)

The theoretical discussion suggests that shading should make **bids** under the discriminatory- **price** format cluster closer to the market consensus than under the uniform-price format. It would...

...2 suggests that minimum bids at times fell well below those for the uniform-price **auctions** -that is, participants at discriminatory- **price auctions** often placed quite **low**, off-market, **bids**, presumably in the hope of catching a bargain. In the event, no such bargains were...

...average variance of winning bids was markedly below that of all bids in discriminatory-price **auctions**.

All told, the data appear to be broadly consistent with a number of theoretical priors...

18/3,K/42 (Item 2 from file: 267)

DIALOG(R)File 267:Finance & Banking Newsletters  
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04550084

**Buying and Selling When the Going Gets Tougher: Should the m&a environment sour, dealmakers still can complete major transactions by using the right tools.**

Alyssa A. Grikscheit  
Mergers & Acquisitions Journal  
June 1,1999 DOCUMENT TYPE: NEWSLETTER  
PUBLISHER: SECURITIES DATA PUBLISHING  
LANGUAGE: ENGLISH WORD COUNT: 3671 RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT  
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TEXT:

...bargain prices. The seller should determine how badly it wants to sell and what the **lowest price** is at which the sale makes economic and/or strategic sense. If the buyer's...

...from sale early on than to have them tainted by a failed acquisition.

Consider an **auction** and try to include more potential buyers than usual in each round of bidding, knowing...to honor an existing commitment should not, by itself, trigger a termination in which the **buyer** escapes liquidated damages. At the very **least**, the **buyer** should be required to make reasonable efforts to find alternate financing.

Make sure that any...for assets that fit with the company's key strategies at attractive prices.

In an **auction**, reevaluate the bid periodically until it becomes final. Obtain all available information possible about the...

...bidders, as well as their respective motivations. Is the seller motivated to sell at a **low price**, for example, to offset losses incurred in other markets? Is there likely to be stiff...money. In an uncertain market, a seller may attempt to negotiate with more than one **buyer** at a time. At the very **least**, the **buyer** should be reimbursed for diligence and other out-of-pocket expenses if the seller signs...

18/3,K/43 (Item 3 from file: 267)

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**After a Seven-Year Rise, Multiples Begin to Stabilize**

Robert Dunn

Buyouts

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...with the difference being one or two multiple points. "As you talk with guys in **auctions**, if you're not willing to pay [at least] a seven times EBIT multiple you...and-bear-it attitude; while several G.P.s say they have been involved in **auctions** where they had made **bids** in the "**low teens**" for certain coveted properties-none, of course, would be quoted on the record-each...looking at consolidation opportunities-than the more traditional domains of LBO firms; these prices, at **least** in the minds of **buyers**, make a strong argument for going an extra multiple point or two while at **auction**. "Generally, if multiples are down [in a given sector], it is because the exit multiples...

#### IV. Additional Resources Searched

JSTOR – unable to pull search history from JSTOR – no relevant results

#### ProQuest

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#### EbscoHost

S6	TX "least unmatched price"	Search modes - Boolean/Phrase	Interface - EBSCOhost Search Screen - Advanced Search Database - Regional Business News;Academic Search Premier;Business Source Complete	0
S5	TX auction? and TX ( (fewest or least) w5 bidders ) and ( (fewest or least) w5 items )	Limiters - Published Date from: 190001-200305 Search modes - Boolean/Phrase	Interface - EBSCOhost Search Screen - Advanced Search Database - Regional Business News;Academic Search Premier;Business Source Complete	0
S4	TX "lowest bid?" and TX ( (fewest or least) w5 bidders )	Limiters - Published Date from: 190001-200305 Search modes - Boolean/Phrase	Interface - EBSCOhost Search Screen - Advanced Search Database - Regional Business	0

			News;Academic Search Premier;Business Source Complete	
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S2	TX "lowest bid?" or TX "low bid?" and TX ( (fewest or least) w5 bidders ) and TX auction?	<b>Limiters</b> - Published Date from: 190001-200305 <b>Search modes</b> - Boolean/Phrase	<b>Interface</b> - EBSCOhost <b>Search Screen</b> - Advanced Search <b>Database</b> - Regional Business News;Academic Search Premier;Business Source Complete	0
S1	TX "lowest unique bid" or TX "low unique bid" and TX auction?	<b>Limiters</b> - Published Date from: 190001-200305 <b>Search modes</b> - Boolean/Phrase	<b>Interface</b> - EBSCOhost <b>Search Screen</b> - Advanced Search <b>Database</b> - Regional Business News;Academic Search Premier;Business Source Complete	0